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AUTHOR, THEOLOGIAN AND ANCIENT LINGUIST—A PROPHET

Not Without Honor, Even in His Own Country—His Reception at Vicksburg, Miss.—The Address of Welcome by the Hon. Julius R. Burnes.

Rev. J. M. Conner, S. T. D., theologian, ancient linguist, the popular presiding elder of the Vicksburg district, A. M. E. church, Central Miss. conference, whose theological writings has placed him in the front rank of the students of the race. A little over two years ago his book "Outlines of Christ's Theology," was given to the world, which has been highly endorsed and received by leading theological students and Christians.

Dr. Conner's late book, "The Doctrines of Christ," or "The Teachings of Jesus," is now the book of the day.

For many years Dr. Conner has been in the State of Arkansas. His return to the State of Mississippi has been the signal for many hearty receptions both on part of the conferences and people.

He was highly received by Big Bethels' quarterly conference of Vicksburg, Miss., recently. The address of welcome was by Mr. Burnes. Bethel is the largest colored church in the State of Mississippi, and is pastored by Rev. A. J. Russel, D. D.

The following is a part of the address of welcome to Dr. Conner, by Hon. Julius R. Burnes, who said:

"Mr. President:—On behalf of the members of the Quarterly Conference, I beg just here the privilege of interrupting the proceedings of the session to speak a few words of welcome sentiments of kindly regard and Christian support to him, whom the Master through our beloved bishop has appointed to preside during this conference year.

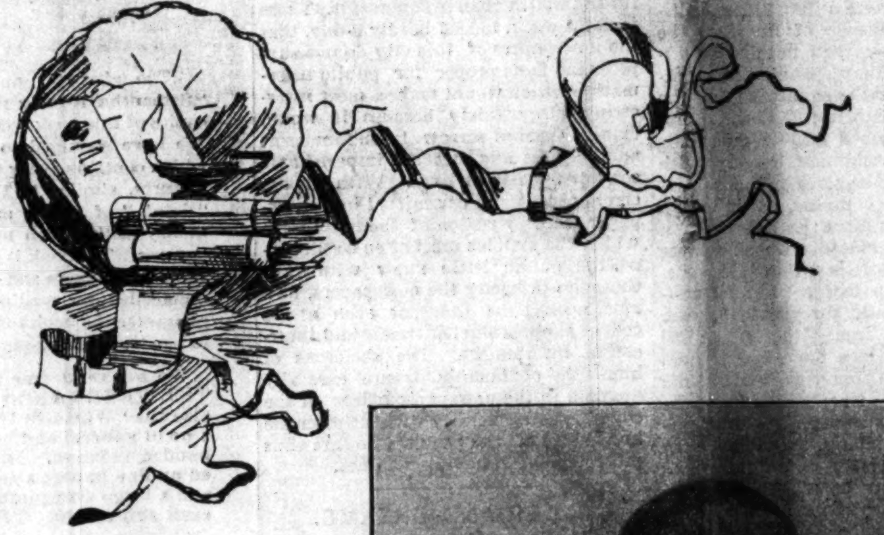
In a work-a-day world like ours, where the almost universal standard of measurement is the senses, and our valuation of things is in proportion as they reveal themselves to us; men are distinguished for what they do—yea, they are distinguished precisely in proportion to which their doing is not for themselves, but for their fellowmen. Genuine greatness is goodness in action. Such was the life of Christ.

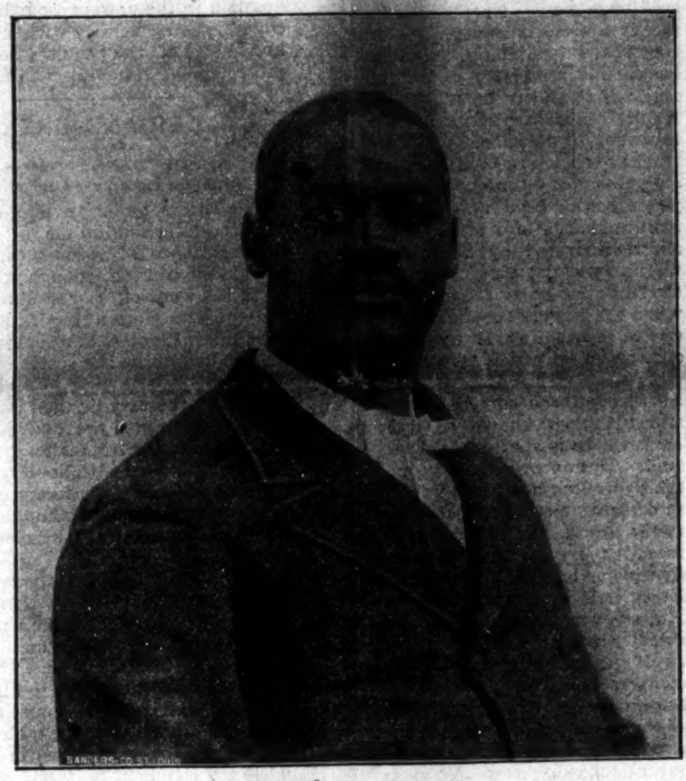
We pride ourselves upon our magnificent church organization, which extends from ocean to ocean, and from the lakes to the Gulf. Magnificent in its composition from the highest color to the darkest hue. Eminently great, in that, within its folds are to be found matchless intellectual giants representing a living and active fore in the civilization of the world.

But, the purpose for which I rise, Mr. President, is to bid you welcome to our city, our church, our homes and among our friends. We welcome you as presiding elder, sent by our bishop, but we welcome you also as Dr. Conner, the philosopher, the student of history and literature, courtly in manners, kindly in heart, endowed with untiring zeal in God's work; identified with all our aspirations and hopes as churchmen and citizens. The reputation that preceded you compels such welcome as we most joyfully accord you to-night.

Your predecessor was distinguished for many qualifications which endeared him to many and enabled him to strengthen and advance the growth of the church, but, passing at this time under your control, let us hope that conditions and interests of this church and district may respond to the influences of your talent, experience, piety and zeal, and may the blessings of God accompany us rejoicing on the way to a fresh and vigorous prosperity. Hence, I repeat, on behalf of the conference, we are gratified at your presence among us. You are welcome."

Dr. Conner has been many years a trustee of Wilberforce University, of Wilberforce, O., and ex-theological examiner of Payne Theological Seminary, was honored with a good complimentary vote for the bishopric of the great African Methodist Episcopal Church, in, 1896, received the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology in 1891 from the National University of Chicago. He has served some of the largest churches in this connection. The next week's issue will bring a few clippings from leading newspapers, such as the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Christian Recorder, (Philadelphia) Star of Zion, (Charlotte, N. C.) Christian Index, (Jackson, Tenn.,) Dr. Conner's great book. "The Doctrines of Christ."





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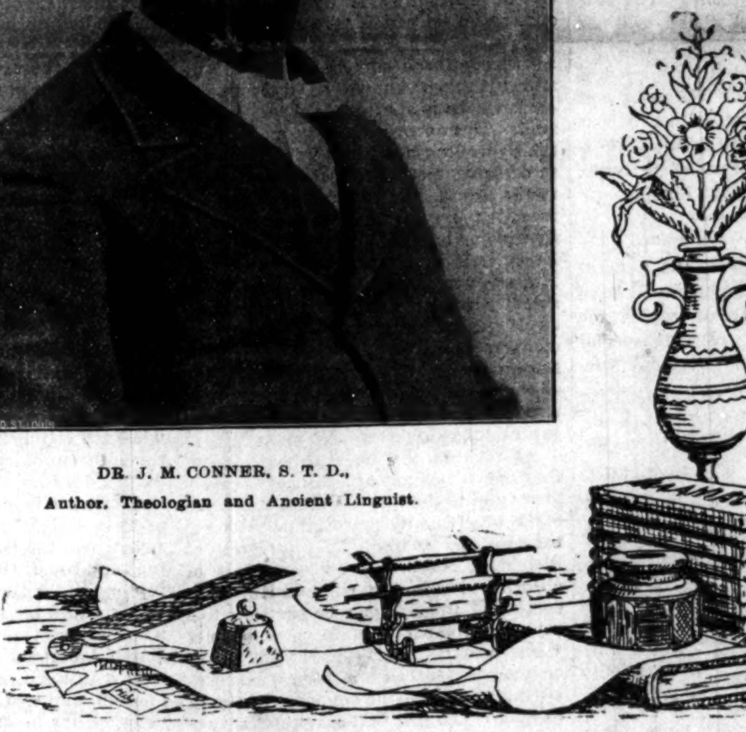

Items of Interest.

Anderson, Ind., Special.—Warner Richardson left for Richmond last week. * * Mr. and Mrs. James Collins spent a week in the capital city with W. D. Collins. They returned Monday. * * Samuel Lamkins has accepted an agency with a New York medicine firm. * * Cass Mitchell, of Richmond, visited here Thursday en route to Frankfort. * * Mrs. Dora Banks visited Mrs. Dr. Morin in Muncie Thursday * * The Odd Fellows of this city have secured a new hall and will meet Friday instead of Thursday evenings. * * Mr. and Mrs. Valentine and Mrs. Frazier, of Muncie spent Sunday with Mrs. Warner Richardson, of this city. * * Manuel Eadlin visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams in Muncie Sunday.

Newsy Items.

New Albany, Ind., Special.—Mrs. Williams, 313 E. Seventh-st., is sick. * * Rev. H. H. Carter, of Lebanon, Ky., is in the city assisting Rev. R. L. Cherry in his revival meetings at Zion A. M. E. chapel. * * Miss Dyson, an accomplished young lady of Charleston, Ind., visited Scribner's high school last week. * * Rev. Strauss, of the Kentucky conference, filled the pulpit at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday. * * Miss Lydia Mitchell is visiting in Nashville, Tenn. * * Sunday was the grand opening of the Second Baptist church on Main-st. The auditorium has undergone such a change that it seems like another place altogether. The walls have been decorated with fine paper, the seats cleaned ,the woodwork painted, new carpet purchased and a grand pipe organ has also been placed in the church. At 3 p. m. members and pastors of the various Baptist churches of Louisville and Jeffersonville assembled. Music was furnished by the Fifth-st. Baptist church choir of Louisville. This choir is among the best in the Falls City. A scripture lesson was read by Rev. W. H. Craighead of Zion Baptist and remarks were delivered by Rev. Dr. Mars and Rev. W. D. Gaddie and General Packard. Collections for the day amounted to $132.73. Rev. S. C. Manuel, the pastor, is doing a noble work among his congregation. * The report of the rally held at Zion A. M. E. church two Sundays ago was unintentionally omitted in our last issue. The pastor, R. L. Cherry, worked hard to this success and indeed it was a success. The collection amounted to $211. * * Mrs. John Mitchern, 1009 Constitution-st., is entertaining her sister from Danville, Ill.

Notes.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—Revival services are in progress at the M. E. church on Mabry-st. All well disposed person are cordially invited. * * The Band of Mercy will hold its next regular meeting at Miss Ella Smith's residence, No. 909 Nelson-st. * * Miss Estella Easley, who has been quite ill for some time, is able to be out again. * * Mrs. Sarah Conner is on the sick list. * * Mr. Mitchell Burke has been indisposed for a few days. * * Mr. J T. Scott, of Coal Creek, is in thecity. * * Mr. Garret Fugat is confined with smallpox. * * The Woman's Home Missionary Society met at Mrs. Nora Clay's, Barter-ave., Thursday, April 7. * * The Bible Band Sewing Circle met at Mrs. Rosa Franklin's, Florida-st., Thursday, April 7. * * Mrs. Emma Russell died March 27 after a lingering illness. * * Minnie, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nelson, died last Thursday. * * Mr. Samuel Clark and Mrs. Lizzie Cain were united in marriage last Wednesday. * * There will be a musical and literary entertainment Thursday night, April 12, given by the Little Zion Baptist church Sunday-school, assisted by some of the best talent in the city. * * Mrs. Bell Reed and son, of Chattanooga, Tenn., are visiting in the city. * * The entertainment given by the Mt. Zion church choir March 25 eclipsed all former efforts. * * The "Dirt Breaking" at Logan Temple, the 28th, was a financial success: Miss Ella Irwin having the highest number of votes. She turned in $28.87; Miss Nancy Murphy, $21.95; Mrs. Francis Alexander, $5.50; Mrs. Loveharty, $2.50. * * McDade's concert band gave a concert at 24th.

Personal Mention.

Logansport, Ind., Special.—Sunday was missionary day at the A. M. E. church. "The beauties and benefits of a faithful life" was opened for discussion by J. W. Parker, followed by Mrs. C. S. Jones, H. Harris, E. Winslow and Rev. G. R. Collins. * * Rev. H. E. Stewart, of Wilbeforce, preached at the A. M. E. church last week. * * Wicklife Smith, of Danville, Ill., was in the city Sunday. * * D. C. H. Hall, a graduate of our high school, was the guest of relatives recently. * * W. F. Anderson, D. G. S., of Lafayette, was in the city last week. * * Mrs. Kate Turner and Miss Mary Allen, of this city, have moved their hair-dressing parlors to 313 Market-st. * * L. G. Brooks, Major Strouthers and Grana Johnson are on the sick list. * * Young Langford, of Kokomo, was in the city this week. * * Janette Jones received the first prize at the A. M. E. Sabbath-school for repeating the largest number of verses from the testament by heart. Bessie Lewis was awarded second prize. * * C. S. Jones and George Allen made a flying trip to Keneth last Sunday.

Gleanings.

Chicago, Ill., West Side, Special.—Elder Johnson preached his farewell sermon April 3rd at St. Stephen A. M. E. church. * * G. Venary is back on his run after a six days' lay off on account of a sprained ankle. * * A concert was given on the 4th at Providence Baptist church. * * A new choir, composed of the best singers of the West Side, has been organized at St. Stephen A. M. E. church. * * A social was given at the home of Mrs. Owens.

A Budget of Newsy Jottings.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—Rev. Pettyman, of the Illinois conference, preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday. * * Rev. Green has returned from the Baptist convention at Connersville, Ind. * * Harry Keen, of Marion, Ind., made a flying trip to Muncie on his bike Sunday. While in the city he was the guest of W. E. Robbins and family. * * Van Benson, of Urbana, is in the city. * * Miss Mayo, of Dayton, O., is the guest of Miss Nora Morin. * * The Original Tennesseeans sang at A. M. E. church Monday evening. * * An equal rights barber-shop has been opened on S. Beason-st. * * Mr. Close accepted a lucrative position at the Muncie wheel works on Ohio-ave. * * The Klondike was entertained last Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. John Robbins, of E. Charles-st.

THE FREEMAN'S GROWTH.

THE CITIZENS OF HARTFORD, CONN., SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION

Of the Race's Leading Journal by Their Hearty Support—Interesting Newsy Notes Gathered Here and There by Our Hustling Representative.

Hartford, Conn., Special.—The Freeman wants three hundred more readers in Hartford. Three prizes will be offered to this end. These prizes will be given free of charge to any person securing the greatest number of new readers over ten for four weeks at five cents per copy. The prizes will be valued at fifty cents each. A picture or picture of one or more of our leading race men. A beautiful life-size picture of Fred Douglas, or one or more books of interest on the achievement of race. We do this to advertise The Freeman and get it into the homes of our people, for we know that The Freeman once read will be read always. The assertion by some of our people that colored papers ain't worth reading is false and erroneous, and no one who will take the time to read The Freeman would dare believe such statement. The colored people are growing more and more in significance, and making advancement in civilization beyond the expectation of lookers on. There is no way to discern this but by reading the race papers from whence you can keep pace with the progress of the race. The Freeman is a mirror reflecting the glittering sunlight of the enlightened elements. It is a thermometer registering the degrees of the race as it rises in the scale of civilization. Therefore,, we feel it our duty to urge our people in Hartford to make The Freeman their companion and never allow a week to pass without reading its valuable news. Send in your orders at once to either barbershop also to Mr. Patton's restaurant on Pearl st. The Freeman wishes to acknowledge in print the valuable services of Mr. Mat. Shield, of Shield Bros.' barber-shop, for the large number of new readers secured in the past week.

The Freeman wishes to make correction on last week's item relative to Miss Nora Braxton, of Hampton, Va., who has resided in Hartford for some time. Miss Braxton left a few days ago for a six weeks' vacation in King and Queen's counties, Virginia ,after which she is expected to return to Hartford as a permanent resident. * * Miss Gertrude A. Lewis is quite recovered from a long attack of sickness. * * Mrs. Lottie Lane, the proficient and successful book agent, has taken an interest in The Freeman. * * Mr. J. Bolden's drum corps has moved to their new and unique quarters at 26 Kinsley st. * * W. J. Hickman, the well-known quartet leader, has become a reader of The Freeman. * * Thomas Waugh is arranging for a trip to Chicago. * * The Hon. John Scott, of Baltimore, spent a pleasant vacation in and around Hartford last week. He was royally received as honored guest in many fashionable receptions, both in Hartford and Windsor, tendered to his memory. * * Madams Olive Weeks, F. Robinson and Miss Susie Boyd have become readers of The Freeman. * * Miss Bell Mason has quite recovered from the la grippe. She has resigned her position as manager of the Prospect dining-rooms and is now resting on a vacation. * * Miss Carrie Henry, one of the sisters to the popular Henry family, has returned home from Essex county, Virginia. * * Mr. and Mrs. Pratt are much elated over the recovery of their baby boy after so long and serious attack of sickness * * L. Jackson, former resident of Hartford, died last week in Washington, D. C. * * L. Johnson is quite sick at the house of his sister, Mrs. David Jackson on Center-st. * * The hotel register is at the same mark. A few changes at the Allen house. * * The return of George Brown, after a few days sickness, was hailed with delight. * * The popular James Ellis has been substituted at the Allen house in place of Jake Townsend. * * It is reported that the Allen house will close down business about the 1st of May for repairs. * * The boys at the U. S. hotel are keeping up the usual interest in The Freeman.

"Mighty Interesting Reading."

The Freeman, of Indianapolis, has a long and very interesting article on the "Negro Conference" recently held at Tuskegee Normal and Iudstrial Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. The article is profusely illustrated with cuts of buildings, teachers, student classes, livestock, shops, gardens, farms, etc., and makes "mighty interesting reading." The Freeman must be commended for so able and interesting a presentation of thi sinstitution and its work. Such an article is sure to do good and it reflects great credit upon Negro journalism.—The Florida Evangelist.

THE NEGROES AS LABORERS.

CHANCES OF EXISTENCE IN NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN

Manufacturing Towns—What He Must do to Acquire Pre-eminence—Wages, Habits and Customs Consistent With Circumstances.

The Merrimac Manufacturing Company which employs nearly four thousand laborers, has an agent in the South who is making a tour of inspection with the view of selecting a site for a cotton mill. This fact points to the working of a force that is ultimately to have a greater influence upon the destiny of Afro-americans than could be asserted now without exposing one to a charge of exaggerating. Why are northern manufacturing concerns gradually establishing plants in the South?

The cotton mills and other factories of the South have become most formidable competitors and are able to undersell many of the northern producers. The Northern factories still have some slight advantage in the point of machinery, although the machinery used in the Southern factories is the same as that used in the northern ones as far as it goes.

What then makes the difference? A Southern factory is nearer to the raw material and freight is saved, but this alone would not be an explanation as this advantage held by Southern factories as to raw material is compensated for to the Northern factory in that it is closer to the markets of the world. The difference in conditions, so far as an advantage is afforded to the South is in cheaper labor, which reduces the cost of production just that much. In the production of a given commodity of a certain quality, success always goes to the cheapest producer. He can fix the price and can sell at a small profit, and yet undersell his less competent competitors who must either find means of producing as cheaply as he or quit the business. It is upon this principle that trusts operate, and by gaining a monopoly, make up from large sales at small profit an aggregate profit that pays, but which would be inadequate if the sales were on a limited scale.

The fact is apparent that labor is cheaper in the South than in the North. So long as no capitalists utilized this advantage by establishing factories in the South, the battle between all manufacturers could be confined to the Nor h but when a few capitalists entered the South and set up a competition, they began to force their competitors to follow them to the land of cheaper labor.

The result is sure to be a migration of manufacturing concerns that will keep up until an equilibrium is again brought about. This does not mean that the South will become the manufacturing center, and it may not mean that it will immediately become a great manufacturing center.

If Southern statesmen are able to force laws restricting immigration fast enough they may be able to check the efforts of Northern manufacturers to import cheap labor and thus hold the advantages which now are with the South. But even this victory is but for a time. With the development of the industrial life of the South will come the enevitable migration of labor from agricultural to industrial pursuits, and with this change will also come the unvarying social changes that mark the transformation of a farm-hand into a city man. Labor in the South is cheap at present, because the laborer is accustomed to living cheaply.

The price of labor is fixed by what it costs the laborer to live. What it costs the laborer to live is determined by his social development. The farm hand can maintain his family in a cabin with its bare floors and glassless windows much more cheaply than can the man of the city, who must pay rent or taxes and furnish his cottage and live according to his surroundings. The farm hand may come to town and for several years keep up his usual simple habits of living, but gradually he will require more and more until at last he will find an increase of wages indespensible. A vast number of Jews from Russia came to New York a few years ago and actually captured the cloak and coat making industry. They did the sewing in their living rooms and worked from daylight till dark and lived very simply, hence they could do the piece work cheaper than others and still make a little profit. But in the course of time they became more like their neighbors and wanted to be delivered from a condition of life that turned their homes into a factory, so they came together in groups and hired rooms in which to do their work. After while some leading spirit of the group found it payed to act as agent between the laborers and the contractor and thus gradually became a sort of boss or sub-contractor. Thus was developed the sweat-shop and its evils. At last these Russian Jews came to the point where they wanted a parlor and carpets, wanted a holiday and good clothes and felt the need of more generous food. What was the result? A demand for higher wages, an organization and a strike.

The same thing will happen in the South unless the laborer can be kept in a lowly condition.

The white men of the South claim that this can be affirmed of the Negro. They know that white laborers expand in social needs and that wages must be correspondingly increased, but they believe that the colored laborer can be kept down to simple wants and will be permanently contented. This is the part of their creed that the white men of the South never utter. They say everything that leads to this conclusion and they branch off and say "let us" treat the Negro as a man and a brother. They do not believe that the colored brother is well enough acquainted with economic laws to see the logical sequence of what their white brothers are doing and that so long as they don't come right out and say it, he won't see.

The colored brother is perfectly safe in allowing his white brother to go ahead and indulge his delusion.

Let factories multiply in the South. The first laborers will be white until all the whites who can be detached from agricultural pursuits are in the factories of the city. This gives the Afro-american greater opportunities as an agricultural laborer and under proper training opens to him the way to become more generally a land owner.

As the factories multiply and the demand for labor increases, the white laborers will increase their wages until at last the manufacturers will begin to utilize the cheaper labor of colored men from the rural districts, who in time will repeat the same story and thus the entire social conditions of the South will be lifted upon a higher plane until ultimately the laborers of the South will be the social equals of the laborers of the North and will require just as many comforts and luxuries and will consequently demand just as high a price for their labor. It may take a generation to bring about this equilibrium between the social needs and life of the laboring classes of the two sections but it will come. We need not be discouraged if we are not generally employed in the first factories that open in the South. We need but to improve the advantages that open in the pursuits left vacant by the whites who become mill hands. Our turn will come and we will be ready for it when it does come.

What we need most to do now is to weed out the non-progressive teachers, preachers and politicians that impede our progress.

J. M. Henderson, M. D., N. Y. City.

COLUMBUS ITEMS.

Columbus, O., Special:—Jas. Hall is building a four room house. * * Mrs. John Merchant, of Clay St., is quite ill. * A. Sarns has moved into his new store room. * * Mrs. Nickens has filed a cross-complaint and answers to her husband'sbill for divorce. * * The several K. of P. lodges listened to their annual sermon last Sunday at the city hall. The sermon was delivered by Rev. D. Newsome assisted by Williams and Johnson. A handsome collection was raised for the benefit of the flood sufferers. * * Rev. J. Cochran, of Sellville, was awayon business last Sunday.

The Freeman in C·lif·rnia.

H. C. Allen has taken the general agency for The Freeman, and will have on every issue plenty of copies for sale. The Freeman is offering special inducements for this season.—New Searchlight, Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. H. Allen has accepted the agency of The Freeman. The Freeman is offering special inducements in the way of premiums for this season. Mr. Allen wil keep a full supply of extra copies each week.—The Eagle, Los Angeles.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 19, 1898.

Dear Sirs: Enclosed find $1 to continue my subscription. Your paper has been in my family for some time, and it seems that we cannot live without it. Y— JAMES MASON.

Very Tall Kneeling.

One of the officers of the rebellion had a private in his company whom the boys jestingly named "Little Mack," because of his bigness. He was the tallest man in the company—about 6 feet 3 inches—and one of the bravest in the regiment.

On one occasion when the men were ordered to kneel down behind a stone fence in preparation for an expected assault the officer, who was preparing a surprise for the enemy, on inspecting the line was astonished to see one large, serene face above the top of the fence. He shouted out angrily, "There, you—you man with the head up, kneel down, sir!" The man did not move, and again the officer thundered, "Why don't you kneel down, sir?"

Oblivious to any danger and blind to the significance of his head being exposed, "Little Mack" answered, "I am kneeling down."

"Then," shouted the officer, "put your head down, or you will have it shot off, confound you!"

Thereupon "Little Mack" curled down behind the fence, grieving because the captain had howled at him.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Dangerous.

Father—What are you doing, Emma?

Daughter—Oh, Arthur is coming tonight, and I'm cooking something for him.

Father—Emma, Emma, you'd better be careful. You'll keep on cooking for him till he breaks the engagement.—Heitere Welt.

DEVOURS LIKE FIRE.

THE WONDERFUL EFFECTS PRODUCED BY FLUORINE.

The Diamond Only Able to Absolutely Resist This Powerful Solvent—Researches Into the Nature of a Hitherto Poorly Known Chemical Element.

The alchemists of the middle ages believed that somewhere in the universe was to be found a universal solvent which would dissolve the most refractory substances as readily as water dissolves sugar. They named their solvent liquor alkahest, and what time they could spare from the search after the elixir of life and the philosopher's stone was spent in the endeavor to obtain it. Science has yet to prove, by the way, that there was not more method in the madness of the alchemists than is generally supposed, for in the remarkable substance fluorine chemists possess material that approximates very closely to a universal solvent. Its chemical energy is so fierce that, except gold and platinum, nothing can resist it, and even gold and platinum succumb to fluorine in time. The mere contact of most substances with fluorine is sufficient to cause not mere solution, but light, flame and fierce detonations. Dull, inert flint takes fire when exposed to fluorine vapor and becomes a brilliant incandescent mass. Lampblack bursts into flame, while charcoal burns with bright scintillations. Only the diamond is able to resist this powerful solvent, to which it does not succumb even at high temperature. The similar element silicon, which can be obtained in a crystalline form closely resembling the diamond, gives a magnificent display in the presence of fluorine, the crystals becoming white hot and throwing showers of fiery spangles in all directions. The heat is so intense that the crystals melt, showing that their temperature has reached 1,200 degrees C.

Phosphorus combines fiercely with fluorine. Prussian blue, on account of the cyanogen it contains, burns with a beautiful pink flame; while from a crystal of iodine placed in fluorine vapor a heavy liquid distills with a pale flame. This liquid—an iodide of fluorine—etches glass, and if thrown into water hisses like hot iron. The last named metal becomes white hot when exposed to fluorine; even iron rust behaves in a similar manner. Nearly all metals are raised to vivid incandescence in a current of the gas, many appearing very beautiful, especially aluminium and zinc. If the latter be slightly warmed, it bursts into a white flame too dazzling to gaze at or describe.

Although it has been known in various states of combination for many years, having been first discovered by Schwankhardt of Nuremberg, in 1670, and rediscovered by Scheele in 1771, fluorine was not obtained as fluorine in the free state until about six years ago, when the French chemist Moissan succeeded in isolating it by employing a current of electricity from 26 or 28 Bunsen batteries. The current was passed through the compound of fluorine and hydrogen known as hydrofluoric acid, which is similar to hydrochloric acid. To improve the conductivity of the hydrofluoric acid it was necessary to dissolve another fluorine compound in the liquid. As will readily be imagined, it is not so difficult to obtain free fluorine as to keep it when obtained. Every part of the apparatus used by M. Moissan was made of platinum, with screw joints and washers of lead, which swell on contact with fluorine, all the stoppers being of fluorspar. Fluorine has a powerful affinity for silicon, one of the principal constituents of glass, so that it was impossible to use glass vessels or tubes to contain the gas.

As regards the chemical nature of fluorine, it is a gas at ordinary temperature and is the lightest member of the series of elements containing chlorine, bromine and iodine. The attraction of fluorine for hydrogen exceeds that of chlorine and is so great that if a slow current of fluorine gas be passed into a tube of fluorspar containing a drop of water a dark fog is produced, which changes presently to a blue vapor consisting of ozone—the condensed form of oxygen. The last named substance appears to be one of the few materials which has no affinity for fluorine. Nothing is observed to take place between them even when they are heated up to 1,000 degrees F.

So far all experiments had been conducted with fluorine gas, which, at the time it was isolated, resisted all attempts to reduce it to the liquid state. Six years ago, however, there was no laboratory—such as that at the Royal institution—having powerful machinery for producing liquid air or liquid oxygen at the command of the investigator. In fact, liquid air itself was practically unknown. By the aid of this weapon Professors Dewar and Moissan have succeeded in liquefying fluorine. At the extremely low temperature of liquid oxygen it was found that fluorine did not attack glass, and it was possible to use glass vessels to hold the newly liquefied element. — C. F. Townsend in Knowledge.

A Tough Route.

"Somewhere in the south," says Congressman Sulloway, "a bright colored boy appeared before the civil service commission to be examined for the position of letter carrier. 'How far is it from the earth to the moon?' was the first question asked by those who were to determine the young man's fitness for the place he sought. 'How fah am it from the earf to de moon?' echoed the applicant. 'My Lawd, boss, if you's gwine to put me on dat route I don't want de job.' With that the young man grabbed his hat and left as though he were chased."

In the Japanese match factories the boxes and labels are made by little girls, who are wondrously dexterous in the work. These little experts get from 1 to 5 cents for 12 hours' work.

NEWSPAPER REPORTERS.

A Defense of Their Fair Mindedness, Reliability and Integrity.

A very common error is prevalent that the work of reporters, given in newspapers, as a rule is not entitled to respect or credence. It is generally assumed that the reporter writes chiefly or wholly to make a sensation or in some way interest readers without regard to facts, while just the reverse is the truth in all reputable newspaper establishments.

It is safe to assume that the statements of reporters given in the leading reputable journals of the country are quite as truthful as are the general statements from the pulpit when the minister gets outside of strictly religious teachings, and very much more truthful than are the public expressions of most if not all of the leading professions. With very few exceptions the management of our leading daily newspapers enforce truthfulness and fairness as the supreme attributes for a newspaper writer, and yet it is common for all who are displeased with any reportorial statement to say that "it's a mere newspaper story."

It is true that there are a few conspicuous exceptions to the rule that governs the reputable newspapers of the country.

Not only are the managers of our leading newspapers entitled to great credit for the scrupulous care they inforce on their reporters and correspondents to present the truth with as exact fairness as is possible, but the public little know the ceaseless care that is exercised in every reputable newspaper office to prevent the publication of even the truth when it would be more harmful to publish than to suppress it. There is not a week, indeed hardly a day, that the newspapers of this city do not suppress the facts proper for public information which would make a most interesting story solely because it would bring a flood of sorrow to the innocent and helpless and cast an imperishable shadow upon their lives. With all the errors necessarily committed in a newspaper office by reason of the haste with which the articles must often be prepared, the public little know with what thorough integrity the newspapers, as a rule, protect the innocent even at the cost of suppressing legitimate and interesting information. The skeletons of hundreds of households are carefully guarded in the newspaper offices of the country, and generally without even the knowledge of the people who are thus protected.—Philadelphia Times.

SLEEP AND DREAMS.

How Agassiz Worked Out a Scientific Problem as Related by Himself.

The letters on sleep and dreams in The Spectator remind me of a case in the experience of Agassiz, and which he told me himself, though it is recorded in his work on the American fishes. He was studying a fossil fish in the Jardin des Plantes, but had never been able to determine the species to his satisfaction. After a time he dreamed that he caught the very fish and without difficulty determined the question, thinking, as he woke from the dream, that he would have no difficulty. But on returning to the fossil something in the dream had escaped him, and he could no more determine the species than before.

The next night he had the same dream and again forgot the essential point. He then determined to take a pencil and paper with him to bed and make his note as soon as he woke. The dream came the third time, but to his surprise on fully awakening he found the drawing made and lying on the table bed side, with three bones displayed in it which were not visible in the fossil, and which solved the problem. On returning to the Jardin des Plantes he obtained permission of his friend, the director, to chip away a scale of stone which lay on the spot where the bones were in the drawing, and found them there as his drawing had given them. It is 30 years since Agassiz told me the incident, but those who have access to his history of the North American fishes will be able to read it in his own words in the introduction and correct my version if my memory has in any detail failed me.—London Spectator.

The Same Old Story.

"Grandfather," said the young humorist, "can you spend the afternoon with me tomorrow?"

"I think so," replied the old man. "But what's the object?"

"You are no doubt aware," answered the young man, "that I occasionally write humorous articles for the newspapers."

"Yes, I know," said the old man, with a sigh, "and I have always hoped that you would some day see the error of your ways and reform. But what has that got to do with my spending the afternoon with you?"

"I received a letter from a magazine publisher this morning," replied the alleged funny man, "requesting me to contribute to the humorous department of his publication matter similar to that to which his readers have been accustomed, and in order that I may meet the requirements I want you to tell me some of the jokes current during your boyhood days."—Chicago News.

The Vanilla Bean.

It is not generally known that the vanilla bean is the costliest bean on earth. It grows wild and is gathered by the natives in Papantla and Misantla, Mexico. When brought from the forests, these beans are sold at the rate of £2 5s. per 1,000, but when dried and cured they cost about £2 5s. per pound. They are mainly used by druggists.—London Globe.

Japanese Economy.

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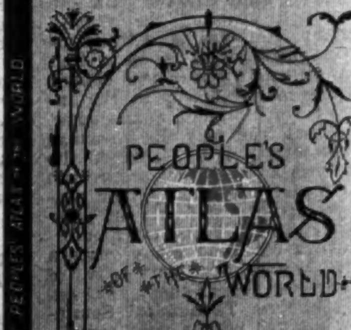

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" 'Twas not to be." Years ago, before I met the devoted wife I married, I was in love. I did not marry my first love, (no romantic man hardly ever does,) and she never married. Last summer, after corresponding with her for over six months, I concluded to marry her, to make her my second wife. When I went to Norfolk, or at least, Kempsville, Va., and asked her she refused me out of revenge, and told me that our marriage " 'twas not to be." (I am glad of it. I don't think an old maid would make a good stepmother—this is my revenge, as I will send her a marked copy of this issue.

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" 'Twas not to be." The Negro will never learn that business, wealth and race unity are the keys which will unlock white American prejudice. The Negro as a whole or faction, will never see it, alas! Alas!! " 'Twas not to be."

B. Square.

Personal Mention.

Fort Smith, Ark., Special:—Measles are raging among the children. * * Fire destroyed the store of Mr. Chesman and damaged the houses of Mrs. Bunts and Brown. * * Mrs. Emma Gray is visiting here. * * J. H. Parker has been ill.

Interesting Notes.

Rison, Ark., March 28th., '98.—Hon. Geo. L. Knox, Indianapolis. Ind. Dear Sir:—Inclosed, please find one dollar for which please send me The Freeman your valuable paper. Having read it for about five years, often and on, it seems I can't do without it.

Please send it to the above named place, instead of Kidron. Yours for success and for the race, Wm. R. Townsend, Rison, Ark.

Ills and Remedies.

Lord Byron, in his reported conversations with the Countess of Blessington, remarked to her that "medical men do not sufficiently attend to idiosyncrasies, on which so much depends, and often hurry to the grave one patient by a treatment that has succeeded in another. The moment they ascertain a disease to be the same as one they have known they conclude the same remedies that cured the first must remove those of the second, not making allowances for the peculiarities of temperament, habits and disposition, which last has a great influence on maladies." These remarks are simple exaggerations of feeling and fact. Byron was no more enamored of the medical profession than he was of professors of divinity, but he was an acute observer, and it was interesting to read his views respecting idiosyncrasies. He judged rightly, very rightly, of their importance in connection with the practice of medicine.—New York Ledger.

Shakespeare's Autograph.

The rarest autographs in the world are probably Shakespeare's. Only seven are claimed to exist—three signatures to his will (two of which are doubtful), two to conveyances of property, one in the folio edition of his plays (doubtful) and one in a translation of Montaigne. This last is in the British museum and cost over 300 guineas.

The largest gasometer in the world is at East Greenwich. When full, it contains 12,000,000 cubic feet of gas. It weighs 2,200 tons, is 180 feet high, 300 feet in diameter, requires 1,200 tons of coal to fill it with gas and cost nearly £40,000.

Gunpowder was invented by Roger Bacon, an Englishman who lived in the thirteenth century, but Germany claims the merit for several who lived about 30 years after Bacon's decease.

INVENTOR OF LEAD PIPE.

First Suggested by Robert Seydell of Pennsylvania In 1830.

There was born in Milton, Pa., in 1800 a man of wonderful genius, it is said. His name was Robert Seydell, and he died in 1847. Four children survive, two of whom reside here—a son, Jacob Seydell, and a daughter, Mrs. Gray.

Mr. Seydell was a coppersmith and was almost continuously working out some device connected with the machinery in his factory To him, it is related by some of the oldest citizens of this place, belongs the discovery of the process of making lead pipe, and, like many other inventors, the idea of making the same was stolen from him and further developed to its present form of manufacture.

It was in the latter part of the thirties that the idea suggested itself to him, and the following is the way he wrought it out: He first took a slug, or casting of lead, placing it on a mandrel, or rod of steel, about 16 feet long and an inch in diameter. The mandrel was highly polished, and upon this he drew or rolled out the lead to the full length of the rod, thus giving him an inch bore, and the material was rolled, it is said, to a one-fourth inch, making a total diameter 1½ inches for the pipe. After completing several sections of the length of the mandrel he soldered them together, making the pipe of whatever length he desired.

He put it to practical use by fastening it to pump heads, and also running it from springs to connect watering troughs and springhouses in the country round about here. Being greatly pleased with his discovery and receiving the most flattering of comments from his friends and neighbors in this section, he concluded to make his invention more widely known, and hence made a visit to Philadelphia, taking his device with him.

At the Franklin institute in that city he gave his first exhibition to quite a number of inventors, artisans and mechanics. As it is now related, every one who witnessed it was more than delighted, and so expressed himself in his immedite presence. It was not long that he was allowed to remain in a condition of supreme happiness over his invention, for a short time after he made a disclosure of his discovery, and while yet in Philadelphia, he found out that by the persons to whom he had given an exhibition of the process of making lead pipe his idea had been used and improved upon.—Philadelphia Press.

SPEAKING PASSING SHIPS.

New Efforts to Revive Old Time Courtesies at Sea.

The fine old custom of speaking passing ships is rapidly dying out among the skippers of today, and the general opinion seems to be that the modern master is, as a rule, too easy going to bother about anything of the sort.

Colonel Hozier, the secretary of Lloyds, considers that a deal of trouble and anxiety would often be avoided if captains would but take the trouble to speak ships within reading distance of their signals. In many instances anxiety with respect to overdue vessels would be allayed, and, furthermore, there would continually be news for the friends of masters and for the hundreds of thousands of others who are interested in the great merchant marine of this country.

Chatting the matter over, Captain Froud, the secretary of the Shipmasters' society, said: "The practice of speaking each other at sea and reporting at every opportunity is, I am sorry to say, dying out among the captains of the present day. I suppose they are indifferent, or careless, and do not consider it worth the trouble of hoisting the signals and making out the other fellow's. It is a very great pity that an exceedingly useful custom should be neglected, and I am glad to learn that Colonel Hozier is doing his utmost to induce masters to speak other ships and to report whenever it is possible.

"I am convinced that if captains can be persuaded to take the trouble to do this much good service will be rendered to the public generally. This society is doing its utmost to get masters to revive the practice."

Captain Froud's appeal was strengthened by the picturesque evidence of an old time skipper, who admitted that speaking and signaling had been almost entirely neglected of late years. "When I first went to sea," he said, "it was the invariable custom to exchange names and destinations and sometimes reckonings with passing ships, but nowadays captains don't bother. Sometimes a skipper is short handed and he won't take even one man from his work, but mostly he doesn't bother himself about the thing at all. That's my experience, and I've been at the game a week or two."—London Mail.

His Resources.

Judge Ermston tells a good story about a man he was questioning as to his being good to go on a $600 bond.

"What property have you to the amount of $600?" asked the judge.

"I have $200 in a building association," replied the witness.

"Well, and what more?"

"I have stock in trade to the amount of $300."

"Go on."

"I have household furniture worth $90."

"Well, we still want $10."

"I have your note, judge, for that amount, which you gave me seven years ago at College Corner."

Tableau!—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Statistics show that in Antwerp alone nearly 4,000 horses were slaughtered last year for human consumption, and the number of shops dealing exclusively in horseflesh in the Belgian ports exceeds 30.

The thieves of Great Britain steal about $40,000,000 worth of property every year.

BROWNSON'S SMILE.

A STORY OF THE COMMANDER THAT SAILORMEN LOVE TO TELL.

How the Detroit Broke Up What the Insurgent Admiral Called a "Blockade." An Incident That Pleases Men Who Have Seen Smiling Men Fight.

It was in January, 1894, that the civil war in Brazil was coming to a climax in the harbor at Rio. Admiral da Gama of the insurgents was in the harbor with several ships-of-war. The government held the city, but while the insurgent admiral held the water no shipping could go up to the front as long as he said it couldn't, and he said no. Various governments were affected by this embargo—"blockade" the admiral called it. Great Britain was concerned chiefly, but the United States was a good second, with Germany and other nations as well.

Europe looked to America to do something in the matter and was naturally diffident about interfering in family rows on this side of the water. At last Admiral Benham was sent down to take charge of the United States fleet in Rio harbor. The flagship was the San Francisco, and on Sunday, Jan. 28, Admiral Benham called on his captains to come aboard. Among them was Commander Brownson of the Detroit. It is said that after the conference this commander came back to his ship smiling. However that may be, he certainly smiled next morning. Just after 5 o'clock that evening—it was calm as could be, almost—the Yankee naval ships were seen to be in a hustle. The canvas awnings faded away, and in the night certain sounds were heard aboard them, at which various listeners put their hands cup shaped behind their ears to listen harder. On the morning of the 29th there was a change in the appearance of the Yankee fleet. It had taken off its coat, waistcoat and shirt, so to speak, and was just eying itself when day dawned to see how good its training had been.

The insurgent ships Aquidaban and Tamandare were up the bay above Viana island with their cables short, ready to trip. The Trajano and Guanabara, as well as the fleet of armed tugs, were crowded with men from the garrisons of Cobras and Villegaigon. The Liberdade flew the little blue ensign, for Admiral de Gama was aboard her, lying with the Trajano and Guanabara north of Enchados island, a few yards from the American bark Amy, one of the boats kept out by the blockade. The Parahyba was lying with its teeth, so to speak, at the throat of the Yankee barkentine Good News.

Commander Brownson on the Detroit got his ship under way, having hoisted anchor at 6 o'clock, and headed toward the city between Enchados and Cobras islands. Her crew was at her guns, and as eager a lot of men as one could see anywhere at that time. The anchor got fouled in the Detroit's hawse hole, and that was ample excuse for proceeding slowly, which was convenient, while a couple of insurgent tugs made a sputter at the northern littoral of the city, as they had been doing a long time. After a couple of men had been killed aboard the tugs they drew back, and the Detroit, with everything clear, rounded Enchados island and came along starboard side to starboard of the Trajano. The men looked through their sights and then up at Commander Brownson on the bridge. The story of what they saw is a tradition in the navy now and always will be so long as men like Brownson are in command. The commander was smiling.

A man on the Trajano raised a musket and fired a bullet over the heads of sailors pulling away in a boat with a line from the Amy to a ship at anchor that the Amy might be warped to the forbidden docks. Two heavy insurgent tugs came around with their rams pointed at the side of the Detroit. On the San Francisco the red flag of battle had been run up to the fore truck in stops. A quartermaster stood with his hand on the halyards eager to break it out, with his eyes fixed on the admiral, who was looking at the Detroit for the sign which would cause him to give the quartermaster the order so ardently desired.

When the insurgent shot was fired, Commander Brownson turned to the gunner at a one pounder, and with a scarcely perceptible increase of the smile ordered the man to shoot into the Trajano at the water line six feet abaft the stern. The order was misunderstood, and the shot went across the insurgents' bow. Thereupon Captain Brownson hailed:

"Trajano, ahoy!" he shouted. "If you fire again, I will return the fire, and if you persist I will sink you."

The Trajano's crews were excited. If a nervous finger had pulled a trigger, the fight would have been on.

But the shot did not sound. The sailors on the Amy's yawl waited to see what they were to do next.

"You go ahead," Commander Brownson shouted, "and I'll protect you!"

The sailors went.

"Aim at the Guanabara!" ordered Commander Brownson. And the greasy black muzzles of the Detroit's broadside and the two pivot guns swung around, looking bigger and bigger every moment, till they stopped, leveled at the cruiser. One particularly nervous gun crew aboard the insurgent was conspicuous. Commander Brownson waved his hand, with a half smile, and this crew fell back.

Then the Yankee ships led the way to the docks, with other ships crowding in with them, and after awhile the rebellion collapsed. But the sailors who were on the Detroit at that time have told the story of Commander Brownson's smile to other sailors, and these to still others, till it has rippled to every water where the starry flag flies, and it is heard with marked interest by men on the ships of other nations—men who have seen smiling men fight.—New York Sun.

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THE COLORED COMPANIES.

It seems very likely that the two colored military companies will be mustered out of service in a few days. The announcement of such a move is at once significent in the face of the threatened war; but it appears that the very ugly condition of affairs has been the means of making prominent dissatisfaction that has been known to exist for some time in the companies. The men o fthe companies insist that their officers and companies have been the victims of injustice at the hands of no less a person or persons than those at the head of military affairs in the state of Indiana. Captains Porter and Buckner, it is held, were both entitled to the rank of Major according to the rules governing such matters, but the promotions, it is further alleged, were withheld owing to the military demoralization that those in authority thought would follow. The authorities claim that making Mr. Jacob Porter major over a separate company of colored men that they had gone quite as far as they were justified in going. This would seem fair enough in this emergency; but if it is true that every obstacle has in the past been brought to bear to bar those men from promotions even, when the stood successfully in a competing military examination, then it is time to question the methods employed. These men like the colored individual the country over can stand the lines drawn on them by men serving in private capacity, but they protest against their state that they have sworn to defend and which promises to protect them, drawing lines that recognize classes. It may be held that the time is ill advised for such a movement, yet the time may prove propitious. There are many who were not aware of the discriminations and this very unfortunate war with Spain has been the means of showing up just what is going on and just how and where to get relief. The military spirit of General McKee was decidedly rampant when he refused to allow the men to muster out at the expiration of their time, which occurs next month, but demanded that they disband at once, as others were waiting for their equipments. The General may do well in fighting battles, but he would hardly make a politician and to say the least his haste was extremely offensive. While Governor Mount was not quoted directly yet the inferences are that he feels that what has been done is all that can be done and that the colored men should feel amply satisfied in being in it at all.

The governor of the state of Connecticut writes this very unique proclation:

"Following a custom as old as the state and in harmony with our laws, I hereby designate and appoint Friday, the 8th day of April next as a day of fasting and prayer. I recommend that the people of the state abstain from their various pursuits and upon that day gather in their places of public worship and render to the Almighty God sincere and devout homage by confesson and prayer, and, especially beseech that they do earnestly beseech him in the present crisis of our country to avert war if it may be consistent with humanity and national honor."

The proclamation is very fitting at this time, and if the whole people would subscribe to its principles there might be a different phase on the war problem.

ON EASTER SUNDAY.

It is said that Florida, a considerable peninsula, one of the projections of the southeaster coast, was discovered on Pascua, Florida, by a Spaniard something like four hundred years ago. This day it is held was to the Spaniards what Easter Sunday is to the protestant world. Ponce de Leon will be remembered as the very aged Porto Rican who had grown wealthy and old accordingly. Human nature in those days was about the same as in the present age. He clutched his gold and loathed to part with it. In order that he might not relinquish his hold on his hoard of wealth he became a globe trotter in roaming about in the quest of youth and health. He has had since that time many illustrious followers in chasing the bauble--life. What will a man not lose for himself? Asheville, N. C.; Denver, Col.; Hot Springs, and the golden clime of California are tell-tale witnesses to the many attempts to recuperate under benign influences of their supposed healing virtues.

Ponce de Leon, this aged Spaniard, perhaps, did not set this example in fleeting from the inevitable, but his signal failure has not deterred the world one whit from still pursuing something more or less a chimera that promises healing in its wings. He had heard that there was situate in this flowery zone far away from the contaminating influences of civilized man, a fountain, of whose waters he had only to drink to be restored to youth and to his money-bags. The incredulous smile at the credulity on the part of this old gentleman of fame and fortune, but his counterparts are roaming the world over trying in vain to restore gouty members, to drive away the hectic flush from the cheek and the virus from the blood. Besides the age in which De Leon lived was more conducive to such extravagant ideas. It was on the broader line of the age of Knight-errantry when chivalry and courage were pre-eminently the cardinal virtues. An age when the marvelous was none the less marvelous, but was always exploited as the realizable. Thus it was with De Leon, basking under the romantic tinge of a mellow age, when brigandage was more illustrious than a prince of the realm. It was not an unusual stretch of the imagination to imagine that Florida contained such a fountain. Even after all it was no new thing. Nathaniel Hawthorne's winged Pegasus and the fountain of Piraeme would have been fitting productions of that age.

For does not the Holy Writ tell us of the lame man waiting for the troubling of the pool? The direct intervention of Christ, of course. We understand, but the fact that a thing once accomplished makes it remotely possible that thing can be repeated may have had some weight with De Leon. Besides he was a devout catholic and the age of miraces was just waning. Superstition was rife and thousands of other influenees were at work on the imaginations of men. But we owe it to Ponce de Leon everlasting gratitude for that remarkable point of land that extends out into the tropics, forming a rendezvous from northern winters and its flowers everlastingly even if it furnishes no rejuvenating fountain.

LOUISIANA'S DISFRANCHISE.

Louisiana has ceased talking war long enough to deal her Negro element a terrific blow. Maine and 270 lost, and Spain, the reputed instrument in the destruction has no attractions for the unreconstructed as long as there is a "Nigger in her woodpile." The Louisiana constitutional has been in session for the last few weeks. It met with one object mainly in view, and that was to disfranchise the Negroes. Booker T. Washington, the well known apostle of educational reform, went before the convention and, in a splendid speech, insisted that, if an educational test was what suffrage in the future was likely to depend on, that the state grant equal educational facilities. No doubt Mr. Washington has done himself great credit for his manly stand for equal educational advantages but the immediate result on the convention is not appreciable as its subsequent utterances demonstrates. The discrimination clause is to this effect:

All male persons who were entitled to vote Jan. 1, 1867, or at any date prior thereto, shall not be denied the right to register and vote by reason of their failure to possess the educational or property qualification."

That is to say that if the person was entitled to vote before Jan. 1, 1867 and though he be unable to stand the educational test laid down in the new constitution, the fact that he was a voter before 1867 makes him a legal voter at this time. Now it is known that the Negro was not a legal voter until 1870, when the famous Fifteenth Amendment was made a part of the country's constitution. It will be seen at once that of all the constitutional conventions this one of Louisiana is the meanest and the most conscienceless of them all. A body of men that deliberately took advantage of the Negro's political infancy to do him an injustice was the spectacle presented by the Louisiana hippodrome. The principle is the same, had the date been set back to 1862 before the political liberties of the Negroes were born.

Says Hector:

"No hostile band can antedate my doom
Until fate condemns me to the silent tomb."

Not only The educational test is discrimatory in intent if not in the letter. Discrimination that seeks to exempt a large class of white citizens who neglected the means of acquiring an education, or who were above it, or who were so mean as to be unable to take it on, and seeks to outlaw a class of men who did not have the opportunity for acquiring an education of any kind, is very vicious. It is held that this portion of the constitution will not stand a test. It is to be hoped that such a circuitous disfranchising scheme will get a good ventilation in the courts.

James M. Connor, S. T. D., presiding elder of the Vicksburg District A. M. E. church, whose cut appears on the front page, is one of the coming churchmen. He is the publisher of several widely known theological works, which has done much to impress his worth on the church and the age in which he lives.

The colored people of Ohio are congratulating themselves over the fact that the legislature of that state has appropriated quite a considerable sum, $44,646.27 for the Wilberforce University. President Mitchell, of Wilberforce, has been largely instrumental in securing to this school quite a large portion of this money.

The Recorder is a new publication of this city or, more stricity speaking, the outgrowth of a venture on a small scale. It is a weekly. It is ultra-racial in its utterances and seeks favor on these lines, and William Porter George P. Stewart are the publishers of the very newsy journal:

The Ledger of Baltimore is one of the very recent publications. It bids fair to take high rank as a purveyor of the news in general. The editorial columns promise to keep in touch with current events as they relate to the race. It is under the management of William Edward Tabb.

The Normal (Ala.) Sschool, over which Prof. W. H. Council presides, will have their fifth annual conference are very much on the same lines as those held at Tuskegee. They have proven of immense advantage in showing the practical side of the schools.

Lyons succeeds Bruce. This may be in keeping with the promise of the administration but it is bad politics, to give all of the fat plums to two or three states of the Southwest. There are more than three millions of Negroes west of the Mississippi and they have not received anything..—The Enterprise, Omaha, Neb.

It is expected that the colored companies would fare better at the hands of Republicans than at the hands of Democrats. So what the Democrats may have done serves as no precedent in the matter.

It now seems war. The Freeman has contributed its mite against the inevitable, but the rule holds. War is inevitable.

Dyersburg News Notes.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.—Mr. Booker L. Howard, the famous traper, hunter and fisherman of Dyer county, is now catching a fine lot of buffalo and yellow cat fish. Your patronage is kindly solicited by him. * * Messrs. H. Clay Walker and H. H. Lawson's fashionable society cake walk at the U. B. F hall on Depot-st., on the 29th ult., was a success socially and financially. In the recent cake walk we offered four prizes—a fine $5 cake, a $3.50 book, "The Stories or Tales of Lincoln," a bottle of imported champagne wine, $1.25 and 100 imported Havana cigars, $1.50. The first prize was won by Mr. Williard Southern and Miss Lill Taylor; the second by Mr. Emanuel Parker and Mrs. Mary Owens; third by Mr. Henry Taylor and Miss Ethel Alston; fourth by Mr. Tom Belle and Miss Lennie Southern. Many prominent white citizens were out to witness the lively contest among the colored ladies and gentlemen. * * Mr. John H. Connell, the contractor and builder, has been on the sick list several days. * * The Temples Golden Order No. 31, and Golden Cross, No. 42, will give a grand entertainment soon. Full particulars later on. * * Mrs. Mary Honnell Flye's infant child is rapidly convalescing. * * Many prominent Afro-Americans of this city have joined the U. B. F.'s recently in this city. It is a good order and full worthy of the patronage it is receiving from our citizens. The juveniles have a membership of seventy-five. * * Mrs. Josie Sylsby, secretary of the B. Y. P. U. of this city will read an interesting paper on Easter Sunday. Subject: "The Value of Time and Knowledge." There will be interesting religious services at all the churches Easter Sunday. * * Prof. Jones' orchestra rendered music for the Walker-Lawson cake walk on the 29th. It was assisted by two members of the Dyersburg orchestra—Messrs. Jef Jenkins and Richard Eckford. * * Mrs. Finis Bonnett, 62 S. Clark-st., is recovering from an attack of fever. * * The A. M. E. conference which was in session here on the 30th and 31st ult., was composed of some of the brainiest men of the church and their fervid influence and splendid oratory were electrifying to our people. We gave them a hearty welcome and their stay among us was a pleasant one. Come again, brethern. You will find us a kind, benevolent and hospitable people who always do our whole duty. Welcome, thrice welcome were you to our beautiful little city and its Christain residents. * * Rev. Henry Bonnett attended the A. M. E. conference on the 30th ult., accompanied by Messrs. A. A. Greenle, M. D., and W. F. Baker, D. D. Their addresses were chaste and pure and full of wisdom. * * Mr. Richard Echford was the guest of Mrs. Frankie Motley, on Pate-ave., on Wednesday evening. the 30th ult. * * Mr. Henry Gray, of Memphis, is stopping at the Ferguson residence on W. Market-st. * * Many of our citizens availed themselves of the opportunity on the 1st of going to Hansford to witness the closing exercises of the Hansford high school, taugh by Prof. E. W. Bailey, A. M. * * The distinguished visntors at the A. M. E. conference here were Dr. J. N. Abbey, D. D.; C. S. Bowman, W. A. Parret, Dr. Shields, Rev. Motby and Rev. L. J. Valentine, P. E. Paris District. On account of illness Drs. C. S. Smith and M. B. Salter were not present. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Abbey, P. E. * * Miss Annie Woodson is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles Hunt, at 75 W. Cedar-st., corner Broadway. * * Mrs. Barr, wife of Rev. Barr, 209 N. High-st., lies dangerously ill at her home. * * Mrs. Emma Flag, who has been visitin- her sister, Mrs. Clarisa Roberts, on E. Depot-st., has returned to her home at Carolina, Tenn. * * Rev. William Gevels, for the past three years the exemplary pastor of the A. M. E. church of this city, was a welcome visitor here during the conference. * * Mr. Henry Taylor won the cake at the C.-P. church on the 28th ult. * * Mrs. Patsey Jones is very sick at her home on Market-st. * * Wash Jones is again with the Stevens lumber company. * * Will Smith is sick at Mrs. Eliza Simpson's home with pneumonia. * * Mrs. Ella Travis has recovered from a brief illness. * * Misses Susie Belle Roberts and Mrs. Mattie Murphy West End on Thursday. * * Mrs. Mattie Bonnett's condition is unchanged. * * H. Clay Walker, city correspondent; Rev .H. Bonnett, resident agent; Mr. James Daniel Tucker served his part well as the general superintendent of the tables at the cake walk on the 29th ult. * * Mr. Will Davis and Miss Lucy Harris took a pleasant drive to the country on Sunday. * * Mr. George Travis, an artist at the Southern Palace on S. Court square, is on the sick list. * * The river is rising slowly at this point. * * Patronize the Grand Literary Society. It meets at the A. M. E. church every Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. A. J. Fleming, president; Rev. Ed. Haring, secretary. Next subject for discussion: "In Which Did God Display the Greatest Wisdom. In Creation or Redemption?" * * Henry Jordan, of New Bethel, was in the city on Monday. * * Mr. Monroe Walker is taking a big hunt for Dyer county game. * * Joseph Bass, of Tennemo, lies dangerously ill at his home. * * Mr. Mit Baxter, who has been sick for the past thirteen months, is slowly improving. * * Mrs. Eliza Persley, S. Depot-st., is able to be out and attend to her household affairs. * * The Odd Fellows of Newbern will turn out in full regalia at St. Mathews the first Sunday in May. All associate lodges are invited to come and participate with us in our exercises. * * Mr. S. D. Douglass, the popular after-dinner speaker, has joined the U. B. F.'s. He is the hot stuff on any side of the question he favors. * * Look for your five cents when you hear Rev. H. Bonnett ejaculate Saturday morning's Freeman. Long live this worthy Negro journal correspondent. * * Mrs. Rosa Jones, who was taken suddenly ill at her home on Sunday, March 27, '98, at Finley, died Thursday morning. She was an exemplary Christian lady and member of New Bethel Baptist church. She was quietly laid to rest in the Beech Grove cemetery on Friday. Rev. A. Manny officiated. * * Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clifford's infant child died on Friday at Finley; was buried Saturday in the Beech Grove cemetery. Rev. A. Manny officiated. * * Rev. Nelson Peacock lies dangerously ill at his home at New Bethel. * * Will Wynne, of New Bethel, **prominent in church and social** circles, is in poor health. * * Mrs. Mary Minzie, at 82 W. Cedar-st., corner Connell-ave., is suffering with acute rheumatism. * * Mrs. Amy Elam, mother of Mrs. Yanse, has returned to her home at Milam, after spending two weeks with her sick daughter. * * Dr. W. F. Baker, D. D., Misses Myra Howard and Mattie were among the prominent visitors at Hansford on the 1st. * * Mr. John Webster, ninety-seven years of age and one of the most heroic characters of West Tennessee, died suddenly at his home on W. Cedar-st. Saturday night. He was a member of the C. M. E. church, this city, and leaves many loved ones and a host of friends to mourn the lost of this grand old man. We share equally with you in your hours of bereavement. May eternal happiness be his. * * Wiley Hill spent Saturday night in the city the guest of Mr. Hunt. * * Mrs. Mattie Bonnett, who has been ill so long, passed quietly away on Sunday at 6 p. m Funeral exercises on Monday. Rev. William Revels officiated. * Prof. E. W. Bailey has returned from Hansford. * * Miss Emma Green went calling on South Clark Street on Sunday. * * Mr. Booker F. Howard has become a regular patron of The Freeman. * * H. Clay Walker, jr., correspondent by order Rev. H. Bonnett.

LOST RELATIVE .

My owners name was Tom Newman, who lived in Orange county, Virginia. My mother was Kitty Porter, who died in 1873, in Alexandria, Va. My sisters are Charlotte Porter, May Porter, Tusey Long, Alice Long. My brothers are John Long, Morton Long and Peirce Long. Received a letter from my sister, Charlotte Porter, in 1870, from Alexandria, Va., informing me that my people lived in Tennessee. Address Caroline McCray, 313 Sanlinier-st., Houston, Tex.

Breifs.

Huntington, W. Va., Special.—Earnest L. Taylor and wife returned from Cincinnati Saturday. * * Mrs. E. West is on the sick list. * * Mr. and Mrs. William O. Fountain have moved into their lately purchased home. * * Mrs. Lon Patton dropped dead Saturday—heart disease. * * Jim Snyder has been indisposed during the past week. * * Albert Johnson, after an attack of pneumonia, has resumed his duties at the C. & O depot. * * Manuel Wood was sick last week. * * Mrs. James Liggins died Thursday and was taken to Ohio for burial. * * Mr. W. H. Brown who, during the absence of Rev. Steele, has shown great adaptability for his ministerial calling. * * Klondike concert was given at the A. M. E. church Thursday night. * * George W. Mickens returned from Nolan, W. Va., recently. * * An entertainment was given by the Douglass school at the Good Will hall. A neat sum realized, which will be used to erect a laboratory in connection with the same institution. * * Mr. and Mrs. William O. Fountain have moved into their lately purchased home. * * J. E. Harris has returned to Ashland. * * High water is causing much uneasiness in many parts of the city. * * Mrs. E. West, of Seventh-ave., is on the sick list. * * During the absence of Rev. Steele Mr. William H. Brown has hown great adaptability for his ministerial calling.

Interesting Notes.

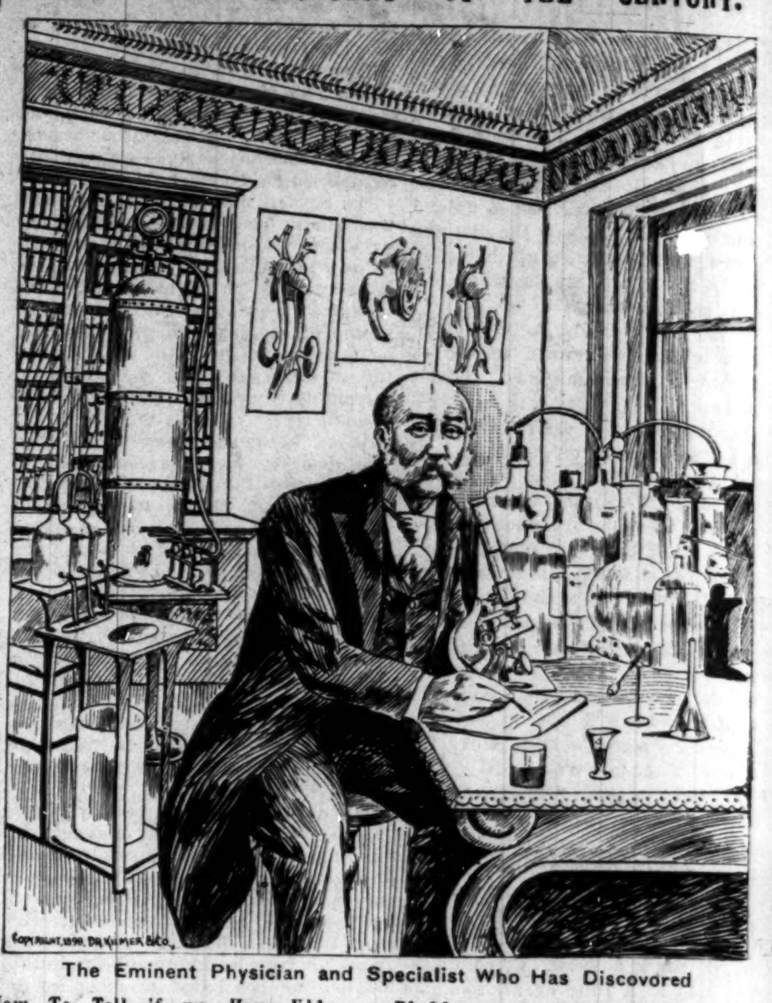
Dallas, Tex., Special:—The colored people here are prosperous as a rule. and several successful enterprises are being carried on. * * Messrs. Groves and Rowen are conducting a Broom factory. * * At present there are five colored doctors and five lawyers administering to the wants of the people. * * The W. C. T. U. is progressing nicely. It is the intention of this association to build a home for the orphanes.

NO WEAR AND TEAR TO COLLARS AND CUFFS.

The Gem Laundry,

37-39 Indiana avenue, has long been known in this community for efficient and first-class work, hence always given satisfaction to its long list of customers. First of this year they put in a steam heated collar and cuff machine, the latest improvement in laundry machinery. The ironing is done by steam and the wear on collars and cuffs is preserved to a greater degree than by the old style. The goods remain pliable, the blue is not destroyed and a beautiful medium finish is presented, not obtained on any gas machine. This firm is the only possessor of its kind in the State and kindly invite their customers for an inspection of their plant.

THE NEW DISCOVERY OF THE CENTURY.



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If the kidneys are not in a perfectly clean and healthy condition, the blood becomes impregnated with impurities and a decay of the kidneys soon takes place. If your desire to relieve yourself of water increases, and you find it necessary to arise many times during sleeping hours, your kidneys are sick. As they reach a more unhealthy stage, a scalding and irritation takes place as the water flows, and pain or dull ache in the back makes you miserable. If the water, when allowed to remain undisturbed for twenty-four hours, forms a settling or sediment, you are in the grasp of most serious kidney or bladder disorder.

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For County Treasurer,

DAVID WALLACE.

Subject to the Republican County Nominating Convention.

For County Auditor.

JOHN W. BROWNING,

Subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

For Recorder, Marion County.

LEWIS G. AKIN.

Subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention, Saturday, April 16.

For Coroner.

DR. A. W. BRAYTON.

Subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention.

For Commissioner First District

JAS E. GREER.

Subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

For Treasurer, Marion County.

ARMIN C. KOEHNE.

Subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention.

For County Auditor,

HARRY B. SMITH,

Subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

For Treasurer, Marion County.

E. J. ROBISON.

Subject to the Approval of the Republican Convention.

For Recorder, Marion County.

WILLIAM E. SHILLING.

Subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

THE FREEMAN POST OFFICE.

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Anderson, Al.	McClain, Billy
Banta, R. A.	Ruggsley, Lewis.
Carl, Black	Porter, Will A.
Cheatham Bros.	Palmer, Dan
Handy, W. C.	White, Maurice F.
	Williams & Walker

Rowe F. (from Germany.)

MISS BESSIE L. GILLAM,

comedenne and soubrette. The above is an excellent cut of Miss Bessie. The young Miss is a native of Detroit, Mich. She was born the 3rd of May, 1880. At an early age little Bessie showed marked talent for the stage, and being of an apt and musical family, she was naturally encouraged in her natural vocation. At the age of three she participated in a concert in which she sang that ever popular song "Peek-a-boo," at that she had to be placed on a stool in order to be seen by the audience. After that from time to time she appeared in home talent concerts, until finally her marked advancement demanded recognition and in consequence of that she had the pleasure of holding the boards for eight weeks at the Wonderland Theater, (in Detroit. Mich.,) which speaks for itself. At that time she was only five years of age. At the end of this unprecedented engagement she was put in school, and at the same time she was given a musical education by her mother, (Georgie E. Gillam, a very accomplished pianist). After receiving a good school education and the art of music, she was still haunted by the desire to become an actress, to that event she was fortunate in receiving an engagement in connection with her brother, (Harry L. Gillam,) from the Georgia University graduates, under the direction of J. Edward George. They started on the road on Dec. 16th., '95, to tour the country. After a successful tour of thirty weeks, she returned home and had to remain home for a long while to patch up a sprained ankle received while in the act of preforming some grotesque work. After taking a good rest she rejoined her brother at Eureka, Kan., on Dec. 10th., 1897, to work as a team with the Nashville Students and P. T. Wright's Colored Comedy Co. She is receiving praise from press and public for her artistic rendition of coon songs and refined dancing. Being a young lady she has a bright future and we look forward to see her hold positions among the many bright lights now lighting the dark pathway on to the road of success for the colored race.

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The Wilson family are playing Kieth's this week.

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Get in line and join the Benevolent Order of Colored Professionals.

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Al. Brown's new coon song, "A Black Gal Dressed in Red," is a big hit.

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Washburn's Double Minstrels will appear in Indianapolis, at an early date.

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The Jacksons—Billy and Madrid, joined the Georgia Graduates at Salt Lake City, Utah, recently.

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Mr. and Mrs Coley Grant are meeting with great success in their clever sketch, with Isham's "Octoroons."

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Frank DeLyons, the famous basso profundo, has joined the Mountain Dew Club, for the balance of the season.

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Mr. Chas. Moore, principal baritone, and Miss Eugene Wadsworth have closed with the Black Patti Troubadours.

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Geo. R. Reese has signed with Edward E. Rice's "Monte Carlo" for a run at the Herald Square Theater, New York City.

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"A Trip to Coontown" is now enjoying its second New York presentation, having two packed houses April 4, at the Third avenue theater.

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Mr. Thomas J. Rogers, of company , 9th Batallion, Illinois National Guards was the guest at the Douglass Club, New York City, Sunday, March 27.

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Miss Zoe Ball, formerly a member of Sam T. Jack's Creoles, and Wm. L. Morton (White), a prominent club man of New York City, were married March 16th.

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Harry and Nellie Eaton, the "Octoroon and the Coon," were a special feature last week at the Bijou Theater, Newark, N. J., with the Fursman and Weber combination.

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Luke Blackburn and lady and Dave Barton and wife, had a cake walk contest at Miner's Theater, New York City, March 25, for a purse of $50. Mr. Barton was the winner.

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Miss Bright, prima donna, late of the Georgia Graduates, joined the Black Patti Troubadours, at Salt Lake City, Utah, and will close the season with the company at New York, June 16.

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Manager Shape Smith is organizing a colored company to play "The Knockers or The Plungers Hammer," which will open in May with an indefinite season in New York.

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Jas. White, comedian, is still stage manager with George's Operatic Minstrels, in conjunction with the Georgia Graduates. Mr. White sends regards to all friends and knockers.

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W. H. Proctor's Big Colored Extravaganza Company, of fifty people, opened at Davis Winter Circus Theater, Forty-second street, New York City, April 4, to great business.

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Geo. L. Archer, theatrical agent, of 1299 Broadway, New York, has leased the "Colored Sports" for ten weeks from Harry Eaton. Mr. Archer is booking the leading houses only.

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Little Bessie Gillam, the charming little soubrette, with Wright's Colored Comedy Co., is proving to the public that all coons don't look alike to her. She is singing "Mamy's Little Pumpkin Colored Coon," to perfection nightly.

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Hillman & Floyd, singing and dancing comedians, are still with Washburn's Double Minstrels, and continue to make big hits at each performance. They both are Indianapolis boys, and when the show reaches this city a rousing reception awaits them.

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E. O. Green, trombone soloist, with P. G. Lowery's Concert Band, intends to appear next season as a baritone soloist, in the band on the street, and trombone soloist on the stage and orchestra.

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Mrs. Julia B. Roan, of Los Angeles, Cal., a promising rich soprano, has joined the Black Patti Troubadours, and from late reports, she is proving quite a valuable acquisition to that excellent aggregation.

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Kid Asher, America's favorite soft-shoe buck dancer, now with the "Coon Hollow" company, has joined hands with Nat Lucas, comedian. Mr. Lucas is the author of "White Folks Every Coon You Meet Don't Look Alike."

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Harry L. Gillam, stage manager of the Nashville Students, is very proud of the condition of the show and is now hard at work on a new sketch for next season. He is one of P. G. Lowery's advanced pupils and on the solo alto.

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Washburn's Double Minstrels broke the record through the New England States. They are now working West, with Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Indianapolis to follow. The show will close about May 18.

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Prof. P. G. Lowery, the talented grand master and cornet soloist, was called to St. Louis recently, on business, relative to an engagement as cornet soloist in the leading parks this summer, where he also expects to start a cornet conservatory.

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Goggin and Davis have returned to New York City after playing the Mercantile Club, of Philadelphia, Pa. They have been engaged to appear at the Empire Theater, London, England, June 1st, for eight weeks, under the management of Mr. Ike Rose.

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The Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra are playing to fine business through New Hampshire. They are booked to appear as follows: Derry Depot, N. H., April 11; Lawrence, Mass., 12; Methnen, 13; Haverhill, 14, 15; Amesbury, 16, 17.

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Richie & Cooper, singing and dancing comedians, this season with the "Coon Hollow" company are meeting with great success. The buck dancing of Mr. Richie, and the comedy of Mr. Cooper never fails to bring down the house at each performance.

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Alonzo Gayten, Indianapolis' leading amateur comedian, is making preparations for his professional bow. Mr. Gayten has shown that he has the ability, and no doubt will have but little, if any, trouble in "getting by." He will leave for the east shortly.

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Mr. and Mrs. Billy McClain were the guests of Mr. Geo. E. Taylor and wife, during their engagement in Oskaloosa, Ia. Mr. Taylor is the proprietor of the Negro Solicitor. Mr. McClain writes that it was a great treat to escape those cheap hash houses that sail under the non de plume of "hotels."

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Mr. Gus Hall sends the following from the Black Patti Troubadours: "Miss Carrie Carter and Kid Frazier are on the sick list, but at this writing both are improving nicely. The entire company was the guest of the Oakwood Hotel at the famous Lucky Baldwin ranch during our stay in Los Angeles. In San Diego we were guests of honor aboard the United States monitor Moradna, which was lying off the coast of Southern California.

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Herbert La She, the king of colored slack-wire artists, was in the city Wednesday, and a pleasant caller at The Freeman sanctum. Mr. LaShe reports good business through Indiana with Mason's "Black Four Hundred" company. He will go out with the Walter L. Main show for the tenting season.

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J. Harry Jackson, the entertaining dramatic editor of the Indianapolis Freeman, is one of the most versatile writers and news-getters in his line in the country. He has made the stage a noteworthy feature of The Freeman, and has done much to give the Negro actor a firm footing in the professional world.—Colored American, Washington, D. C.

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The Philadelphia Item, in speaking recently of the performance of "A Trip to Coontown" said: "The projectors have been fortunate in securing some of the most popular and accomplished entertainers of their race, and the company compares with the best we have had in this line—in fact, it is the best diversion we have had from the Negro on the stage.

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Mr. T. J. Lewis, our special representative with George's Operatic Minstrels writes: "We were in Salt Lake City, Utah, the 20th of March and did a fair business, also while the Richard & Pringle's, Rose & Holland's Minstrels were there. We had a very pleasant time with them all. We will close the most successful season of the show in Kansas City, Mo., 48 weeks, about June 1st.

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The following letter was received this week from Bob Cole, of the "A Trip to Coontown" company:

"Friend Knox:—Having seen a copy of your paper lately issued I must say as I read it I really felt proud that so newsy and interesting journal was being edited by one of my own color. To show my appreciation and spirit to aid such a worthy enterprise you may place me on your list of subscribers for one year, commencing from date, on receipt of this letter."

Yours resp'y, Bob Cole.
137 W. 53rd St., New York, N. Y.

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Mr. Geo. A. Hillman, of Hillman & Floyd, with Washburn's Double Minstrels, writes the following:—"Our roster remains the same, both whites and colored, except Lew Benedict, the old minstrel favorite, who was added to our number about five weeks ago. He has bunch of new songs and is just as funny as ever, and never fails to get his. There is only one Lew Benedict. I have been singing the descriptive song: "Uncle Sam Why Are You Waiting?" with pictures, with howling success. Mr. Floyd has a new song also, which he intends putting on next week. The death of Mr. Hillman is quite a blow to the colored profession, for in the death of him, removes one of our most promising composers and versatile performers."

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An Associated Press dispatch from New York, April 1, says:

Club members in the eastern district of Brooklyn were surprised yesterday when they learned that William L. Morton had been turned out of his father's house, 649 Bedford avenue, for marrying a Creole named Zoe Ball. Young Morton has been seen quite often of late with the colored singer, both at the theaters and driving down the avenue. It is said his home life was made particularly unhappy on account of his companion, and so defied his parents by making the woman his wife. The couple were married March 16 last.

Morton met Zoe Ball, who was billed by Sam T. Jack as "the creole nightingale," at Coney Island last summer. At her request he engaged a stage manager, and, with Morton's money the Operatic Quadroon Company was sent on the road. In seven weeks they made $4,000 above the original outlay, when at Zoe Ball's command the route was abruptly ended at Albany a week before Christmas. The performers returned to New York. Morton furnished a flat on Gwinnette street for his star, where she lived until they were married, when the couple went South, presumably to the home of the bride. Mrs. Morton when seen said that she did not expect her son to return to the house, as he had been disinherited. The Mortons are rich people, and nothing but perversity can account for the son's actions.

J. HARRY JACKSON.

A Successful Entertainment.

Winchester, Ky., Special:—Warrick Brent is on the sick list. * * Rev. H. C. Baker went to the country last week to attend a funeral. * * B. Frazier is some better at this writing. * * The masquerade cake-walk at the U. B. F. Hall recently, under the management of Mesdames Lara Hall, Clara Jones, Mariah Brent and others was a decided success, on the 24th at the opera house under the management of W. H. Hall & Co., the cake-walk was continued. All were well pleased. * * The members of Allen Chapel, are on the alert for their new church. Incessant efforts are being put forth by Mrs. Rosa Summers, Alsie Troter, Millie Gratts and others. * * The Broadway undertaker's firm has changed hands. It is Nelson & Brent, the latter is well known as a wide awake business man and will leave no stone unturned to make the business a success. * * The Second Baptist church realized about $170 in their rally recently. Rev. Baker marshals his forces well and is one of the coming young men. * * P. E. S. H. Mitchell was in the city last week on business. * * Geo. Banks and Miss Lena Reed were quietly married at the home of the bride recently. * * Mr. Holland, of Paris, Ky., spent several days last week in the city with his better half, at the residence of Mrs. Henrietta Wills, on Maple street. * * The Rough Diamond will be repeated at the U. B. F. Hall, April 8th, under the management of Mrs. Nettie George Holland. * * Mr. Walker, of Henderson, Ky., was in the city last week. * * Elder H. C. Buckner, of the M. E. church delivered his farewell address. * * A woman apparently died at North Middletown, Ky., in (Bourbon) March 19. All the funeral arrangements were perfected on the 20th. Undertaker Brent on his way to the residence to prepare for the burial was met by a messenger, who informed him that the lady had revived. * * Easter exercises at 9 a. m. at the Christian church. * * Miss W. M. Frazier and M. D. Massie will spare no pains to make the exercises a success; services will begin at 2:30 p. m. at Allen's Chapel. * * Elder H. C. Buckner left Tuesday for Terre Haute, Ind. * * Miss Sadie Raimy, of Lexington, Ky., was in the city recently, the guest of Miss W. M. Frazier. * * Mrs. John Allen is visiting her daughter at Lexington, Ky. * * James Simpson is quite ill. * * James Carter is recovering slowly. * * The parish prides itself with the best choir in Winchester, unexcelled by any in Kentucky under the management of Miss C. N. Wills, will render some choice pieces Easter at Allen's.

SPORTING NOTES.

Jim Beals, of this city, would like to meet any 125 pound man in Cincinnati, Lee Hill preferred.

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The bill prohibiting race track gambling in Hartford County, Md., passed the Maryland Senate last week.

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The two colored feather-weights, of Cincinnati, Kid Ashe and Kid Murphy, have signed articles for a fifteen round contest.

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Andy Watson the clever colored light-weight boxer, who took a trip to England recently, is back again and is at his old home, Boston.

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"Chappie" Jones, the colored light-weight, defeated George Kerwin, the terror, of Chicago light-weights, last Saturday night in one minute and thirty seconds.

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James Watts, who was recently robbed of a decision over Australian Jimmy Ryan in Louisville, Ky., will visit this city shortly, with the intention of meeting some of our local hitters.

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Steve Crosby, of Louisville, Ky., and Dick Case, who claims to be the light-weight champion of the Northwest, will meet in a twenty-round bout the latter part of this month before the Kentucky Athletic Club, of Louisville, Ky.

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Tommy White, of Chicago, and George Dixon, the champion feather-weight pugilist, fought a twenty-round draw before the Empire Athletic Club of Syracuse, N. Y., March 31. Two thousand people saw the bout, which was a thoroughly scientific one. There was little betting at the ring-side, what money there was going on the colored boy at odds of 2 to 1 and 4 to 3.

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It is reported that Fitzsimmons believes that Roeber can defeat Yousouf, the terrible Turk, and Julian thinks the Turk is going to be a sure winner when the next meeting takes place. In the meantime wrestlers are coming to life all over the country. Yousouf's dozen managers have deserted him because he lost on Saturday night, and yet, properly managed, he should be a gold mine for a short time.

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Joe Elms, the Boston Negro boxer, with Charley Simpson, was arrested at Birmingham, England, some weeks ago on the charge of engaging in a prize-fight at the Olympic Athletic Club of that city. They have been acquitted by a jury. The proprietor of the club, the referee and the seconds of the boxers, who were also arrested, were found not guilty. The judge before discharging them said that uppercuts and swinging blows should not be allowed in boxing matches.

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W. W. Vaughton, sporting editor of the San Francisco Examiner, has the following to say of the Jackson-Jeffries fight:

"The contest was brought to an end early in the third round. During the first two rounds Jackson displayed his old-time form, and seemed to instill caution into the big fellow before him. Peter made frequent use of the heart blow, the right-hander with which he stopped Goddard when he first arrived in this country. In using this blow he left himself open to Jeffries favorite punch, a left upper swing at the jaw. When Jackson was not trying for the right body blow, he ducked under Jeffries' left, and there were tremendous cheers as the woolly black head ducked under the arm of Jeffries' that looked as big as an ordinary man's leg. Jackson put in some clean left-handers on the face, and those heart punches would, no doubt, have been very telling with a frailer frame than his opponent. That the punches did distress Jeffries in some measure may be gyaged from the number of times the powerful heavy-weight drew out of the line of fire and sidled around the colored man. But Jeffries has wonderful recuperative powers. He returned to the attack and kept swinging for the face and body. The body blows Jackson avoided by drawing in his stomach and assuming the shape of a partly closed jack-knife. Perhaps it is not possible that the cheering of his friends outside of the ropes affected such an old campaigner as Jackson, but the way he began to act in the middle of the second round almost makes this view of the situation appear feasible. He ducked no longer, but appeared content to take Jefferies big left paw on his chin or cheek so long as he could drive his right in and reach the spot over the big fellow's heart."

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"This trick of neglecting to guard his head brought disaster to Jackson. He had just landed one right-hander on the body, when Jefferies swung for the face. Only half of Jeffries' glove lapped over Peter's chin, but the impact was enough to cause the colored man to sag and send him to the floor. He fell on his haunches and rolled over on his side, then scrambled to his feet Jeffries meanwhile standing a couple of paces away to give him a chance. Almost as soon as Jackson raised his arms Jeffries smashed him on the chin, and down he went. He rolled to the ropes and was in the act of raising to his feet when the gong sounded. Peter's seconds dragged him to a chair, showered water on him, and his head cleared to a certain extent. Peter was partly dazed when he toed the scratch for the third round, and Jeffries had no difficulty in landing on him. The young heavy-weight used nothing but left swings, and Jackson's head rocked from side to side. He spread his legs and tried his best to stall off the inevitable. He was knocked down, but an extra heavy crack put him in a sitting position on the lower rope. His head sank on his chest and he was helpless. He was beaten beyond a shadow of doubt, and when the police ordered the fight stopped not one of the spectators attempted to say them nay. As soon as Referee McDonald could make himself heard, he announced: 'The police have stopped this fight, and I award Jeffries the decision.'

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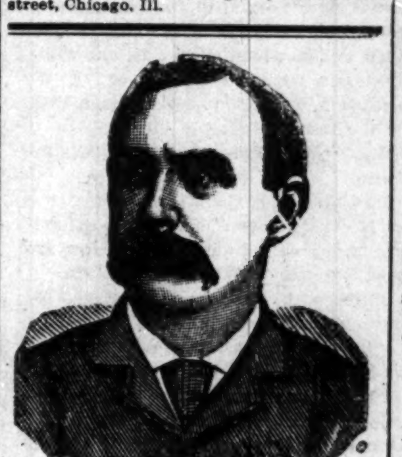

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Albert Ayres,
2937 Atlantic avenue.

Brooklyn, Aug 15.—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead Hearing of the wonderful things Dr. Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy all of it came true. He is home now, came back like one from the dead. I also wish to say that this month I lost $250 I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I did find it as he told me I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst that can help people and tell them what to do. Sincerely.

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CHAPTER XXXVIII.

Draper, at the time he sold out, had quite a snug bank account, the results of his two-hundred-and-odd per cent. profits for years, to this had recently been added about $100,000 from a successful speculation in Wall-st. He also converted his fine residence into cash, so, with the sale of his store, stock and "good will," he had over a half million in cash and at once went abroad with his family. After "doing Europe he returned to New York, where he invested a goodly sum in railroad stocks and lived in grand style the rest of his life, going in society, or, at least, being admitted on account of his money. He bought fast and high-stepping horses, blooded dogs and joined all the leading clubs of Greater New York. He even sowed the "wild oats" of youthhood he could not before sow on account of his poverty and bad luck. Perhaps it would not be out of place to tell the reader that Mr. Draper parted from his tried and trusted employes, his tried, true and trusted slaves, who for years and years had toiled and toiled to get wealth for him directly and bread and butter for themselves indirectly. Draper never told them a word about the contemplated change until the bargain was made and the cash paid over. Then he remarked the last Saturday night before he turned over the store to the Browns: "Well, boys," he remarked, in an off-hand way. "I've sold out to the Browns next door; they take charge Monday. I guess they will keep you people, all of you, for you know the business and they don't." Seeing Miss Brandu's surprise, he remarked to her, in an undertone, "I know they'll keep you. With these remarks he walked out of the store, having first seen that all the hands were paid off. The rich have no heart for the poor, they care not for their less fortunate brothers.

"Man's inhumanity to man
Makes countless thousands mourn."

Let them mourn, what does the "man" care about "the countless thousand" if he is rich, and Draper was now rich and his former employes were not "countless thousands," but a few score he could count.

When Clifford entered the store the following Monday morning he was introduced to all of Mr. Draper's old employees. The men knowing that he was their new "overseer" and wishing to get into his good grace and thereby keep their places, greeted him as "Mr. Clifford" and "congratulated" (?) him upon his good luck. When he was introduced to Miss Brandus, he remarked with some irony and a knowing look: "I've met Miss Brandus before." This was all he said with his lips—his eyes, they told Miss Brandus of his revenge in store for her. Mind-reader, as she was, she appeared not to understand. She knew that she could only hold her position so long as she pleased Clifford and also knew that he would try hard to win her displeasure. She at once prepared for the worse. She prepared to endure everything but dishonor in order to hold her position, and Clifford prepared to do everything in his power to make her leave the store—in disgrace if he could, honorable if he could not otherwise cause it. However, she was a woman, he only a man and—the author deeply regrets that he is obliged to record the fact—but woman is the master of man in everything. Man, poor, foolish fool, is her slave, who does her bidding, and Clifford was not one of the few; oh, very few exceptions to the rule. Miss Brandus (in a woman's way) made love to him and married him, thereby retaining her place in the store. She still hated him, but he knew it not. He did not after marriage hate her, but could not, for his life, confine himself to home and soon left her, after which she left the store. Soon afterwards a child was born to them—a girl. Mrs. Clifford's aunt had gone West to live with her brother and her niece, Mrs. Clifford went to keeping house. May was not happy, however it was not so ordered; it was one of the many "'twas not to be's" of our romance. Her husband was hardly ever at home, long before he left her and she often, like the historic "Maud Muller," thought of what might have been; of the days when she had the love of the colored man, Charles Forrester Brown, our hero; how she might have been his wife; might have been the wife of a loving companion, her equal in taste, thought and companionship; equal in all but the colored of the skin, and—like the mythical "Maud Muller," she longed for the day that might have been.

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,
The sadder are these:
'It might have been.'"

CHAPTER XXXIX.

Brown, our hero, had prepared to leave New York City for his home in the West, in fact he had bought his return ticket, when he met an old white friend, a former employee of "J. W. Draper & Co.," in no other person than Will Cross, the supply clerk.

Hey, there, Forrister! What's your hurry?"

"Is that you, Cross?"

"No; its not me." said Cross extending his hand and advancing. "How are you, old man? Why, you look like a fighting cock. You are just in time for our club smoker, come on."

"By the way, Cross! What became of Miss May Brandus?" asked Brown.

"Oh, Forrister. It's like a romance—a long romance, one of those blood and thunder plays (without the blood.) When Draper sold out Clifford took charge of the store. He was dead sore on Miss Brandus, you know, so he made it hard for her and she, woman like, played a great card, (she gave him cards and spades, so to speak), and beat him at his own game—she married him. He turned out to be a bum, left her and lost his job, and—"

"What became of her?"

"I don't know. She had a kid, I know; a fine girl child. I saw it at the store twice."

"Where are you now, Will?" asked Brown.

"Oh, I'm with the Great American Tea Company, head bookkeeper. Say, old man, I've got a snap; yes, a soft snap, with eighteen bones a week."

"You never heard of her again?"

"No; why do you ask? Were you stuck on her? Since I come to think, by George; you were, you—"

"Where are you going?" asked Brown, to change the subject. "If you are going to take me to any 'kid glove' racket I'll have to go back to my boarding house and fix up."

"Oh, that is not needed. It's only a smoker of our club. It's just two blocks up."

"Are you sure that my brown face will be welcome? You know I am Brown by name and brown by nature."

"You are O. K.; you are with me."

They soon reached the club house, where Brown found himself a welcome guest among social, intelligent white men, his peers and peers only.

"By the way, Forrister," remarked Cross, "I'm toast master, and have just marked you down to respond to the toast 'Woman.'"

"Say Cross I can't.—

"Don't kick or back out; 'no' don't go here, as John Y. McKane said about injunctions at Coney Island.

"Well, I will then say that I am a man among literary men. I will do my best."

It is the proper expression (or the one always used) to say "the wine flows like water," but water never flows as freely as wine does at a banquet, so we will say that the wine was uncorked freely and Brown was soon somewhat flushed with the wine. We started to say and would say, did we not recall the fact that some of the brightest thoughts of both tongue and pen have been made when their authors were "half seas o'er," or, in plain English, when their authors were half drunk. In verse and prose and song Lord Byron and Poe are the idols of the author of this romance. Some of the best writings of both were penned when they were "in their cups," as their historians say. (The author must say between the lines to the "blue ribbon" young man of "C. E." young lady, that he is not at this writing "in his cup," but perfectly "sane and sober," doubt the fact as you may—perhaps it is circumstances and no fault of his, but it is no less a fact.) The above "between the lines" explanation is made because the author not "for the world" (?) like to fall in the estimation of his Sunday-school readers until they have reached the years of reason and observation, until they are old enough to know that there was only one perfect man, and he was not a natural man, but the Son of God. The author of this story never claimed perfection, either in his natural make-up or in his writings. He is only a week-day man with, perhaps, some Sunday-school points.

Victor Smith, one of the editoral writers of the New York Press, "a man about town," who knows the history of writers of the past in general and the doings of writers of the day in particular, says: "As a rule newspaper men drink, but few of them potate to excess. Some of them cannot frame a sentence until under the influence of liquor, while others must be cold sober in order to do any sort of work. There is a superstition that champagne produces brilliancy.

Whenever Henry Waterson awoke to the defense of the Star-Eyed Goddess of Reform he aws brain-dieting on champagne.

Richard Grant White did his most brilliant work after a champagne dinner, when he would rush to the Tribune office and send his copy to the composing room, sheet by sheet, before the ink was dry. Whenever he signed himself "U. Donough Outis" it was a sur sign he had been drinking beer. Richard Watson Gilder drinks lemonade when writing a poem, and puts a small stick in when prosing. George William Curtis was fond of a Martini cocktail when his brain power was exhausted. He regarded gin as the best mental reviver. Henry Labouchere fills himself to the throatlatch when writing under the pseudonym of "Besieged Resident," with brandy and soda, the national drink of Great Britain, and when signing himself "Our Member for Paris" his tipple is absinthe. George Augustus Sala stirred his brain with the fumes of good old Irish whisky when conducting his general correspondence and editorial work, but when writing under the name of "Benedict Cruiser" he favored rum punches.

Joseph Addison, that past master of English prose, got rip-roaring drunk when the Spectator needed something particularly striking, and as for Dick Steele—well, he hardly ever drew a sober breath. Addison, as "C. L. I. O." embraced deep potations of Burgundy. Steele was an all round tippler and a jolly good fellow when in his cups. As "Isaac Bickerstaff, Esq." "Nestor" or "Sir John Edgar," he waked up the Tattler and worried Addison for calling him "Little Dicky." When sober he wrote a book to reform himself, and on the next drunk produced a comedy entitled, "The Funeral; or, Grief a la Mode." Jonathan Swift died of women and wine. It was a startling case of paresis. He wrote "Gulliver" when on a debauch. Falstaff himself was not fonder of mulled sack than was Dr. Johnson.

When George Alfred Townsend signs "Gath" he dips his pen, figuratively speaking, into Scloss Johannisberger Cabinet Auslese; when he signs "John Green" it is plain whiskey, and when "Laertes," nothing but Manhattan cocktails will suffice. Ouida sips Latour Blanche when vigorously attacking the modern sham. Clement Scott is a brandy and soda fiend. He writes his ablest criticisms when the fumes are trickling through the brain clots. There is an editor in this city who drinks cordials and liquors before breakfast to get his brain in good working order for the day. One of the ablest newspaper writers fills himself comfortably full of absinthe before writing a line."

Newell Willis, who in the opinion of the author of this story, was the greatest novelist of one hundred years ago, wrote the following in one of the opening chapters of his novel: "The Merchant Service."

"Whenever the wind is foul (which it most certainly is now, for I am writing any thing but 'The Merchant Service,' which accounts for this rambling chapter, made up of odds and ends, strung together like what we call 'skewer pieces' on board a man-of-war) I have a way of going ahead by getting up steam which I am now about to resort to, and—the fuel is brandy. All on this side of the world are asleep, except gamblers, house-breakers, the new police and authors. * * * I am making love to the brandy bottle, that I may stimulate my ideas or arouse them from the dark cells of the brain.- Now I will invoke them, conjure them up, like little imps to do my bidding.

"By this glass, which now I drain,
By this brandy, which shall cheer you,
As its fumes mount to my brain
From thy torbid slumbers rear you."

By this head so tired of thinking;
By this hand, no longer trembling;
By these lips so fond (?) of drinking
Let me feel that you're assembling.

By the bottle placed before me,
(Food for you ere morrow's sun)
By this second glass I pour me
Come! You little beggars, come!"

[To be continued.]

The Zenith Attained.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 19, 1898.

Mr. Knox: Inclosed I hand you money order for subscription to The Freeman and a copy of Sept. 11, '97, which number will make my eighth volume, all beautifully bound. Please hurry along this paper of the 11th, so I can hand it to my binder. Refering to the Christmas number of The Freeman, I am proud to say that superb zenith was veritably attained in this number, both in typography and in the elegance of contributions. In its general make-up the question was undoubtedly settled by all fair-minded thinkers that The Freeman as a true race journal leads, and all others follow. Yours,

JOHN J. THOMAS.

THE CHAMBERED NAUTILUS.

Year after year beheld the silent toil
That spread his lustrous coil:
Still, as the spiral grew,
He left the past year's dwelling for the new,
Stole with soft step its shining archway through,
Built up its idle door,
Stretched in his last-found home, and knew the old no more.

Thanks for the heavenly message brought by thee,
Child of the wandering sea,
Cast from her lap, forlorn!
From thy dead lips a clearer note is born
Than ever Triton blew from wreathed horn!
While on mine ears it rings,
Throuh the deep caves of thought I hear a voice that sings:

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past;
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea.

—Oliver Wendelll Holmes.

Alexandria, La., Jan. 4, 1898.

Editor Freeman—I find it impossible for me to keep posted about the negro's progress and the vital issues that touch his public life and his weal and woe in general, except I receive and read The Freeman.

I also feel it my duty to give you my support, financial and otherwise, because of the heroic and manly, just and sensible stand that you have taken upon all questions that concern the negro. Your policy has not been vacillating, your principles have at all times been known. You've spoken out in no compromising manner against the injustice and harshness that the race suffers.

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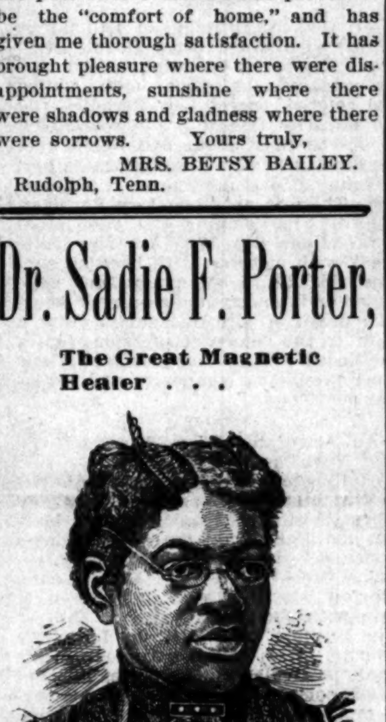

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THE PLUCK AND COURAGE

OF A NEGRO WOMAN NOW IN THE KLONDIKE REGION.

The Negro as we Know Him—Immigration and Independence—A Prominent Chicago Divine Expresses His Views on the Subject.

The Negro as we know him is not a colonizing race, not given to exploration or emigration for the purpose of founding states, opening up new territories, and extending the borders of civilization. He prefers to follow in the wake of civilization, rather than to be the pioneer who goes on before; although the early representatives of the Hamitic branch of the human race reveal the fact that they were founders of cities, and the builder of states, as it was the children of Ham who laid the foundation of the city of Babylon, and the Babylonish Empire. But the Negros contact with modern civilization has not been vital, or in a large creative sense contributary.

While white men from Europe and elsewhere, are flocking into Africa by the thousands for the purpose of devel- position to emigration thither in any oping the vast resources of that continent, the Afro-American shows no disland with a vast domain, with undevel- considerable numbers, while in our own oped riches beckoning them to a life of independence, in the development of these resources, the Negro shows little disposition to move westward, only as he is preceded by civilization; it is therefore most unexpected, and refreshing, to find in a little paper published away up in Seattle, Wash., a letter from the Klondike country written by a colored woman who went there last fall.

It seems almost beyond belief that a woman of our race, has braved the hardships and perils of a journey to that far off region, and has taken up claims there worth thousands of dollars. Not only that, but she has accomplished all of this in a manner reflecting the highest credit, upon the capacity and pluck, as well as the hardihood of her sex as well as her race. The name of this heroic woman is Mrs. M. R. Mason, of Seattle, who arrived in Dawson city last October. But I shall let Mrs. Mason speak for herself:

"The ice was jaming up the river pretty bad the day we landed at Dawson City, but half of the citizens turned out and aided us in landing. I was almost played out when we got to the cabin. Lawyer Chepper, of Washington, made us tea and gave us a hearty welcome. We rested four days, when three of the company with myself, went out prospecting. We were out three weeks and all of us staked claims on Mine Mill Gulch. Our round trip was seventy-six miles. After getting back we filed the next day. Mine is 8 below discovery."

"I then rested a few days more and went to cooking at the McCally opera house for $50 per week, but it burned after I had been there but two weeks I then rented myself a cabin and have been doing laundry and baking ever since. I went up Reindeer creek the 8th of November. It was forty degrees below zero and I stayed outfive nights. I have a claim there also. It is No. 17. Mrs. Butt and I have some claims together on a creek called Insley. They are No. 8 above and No. 16 below. We also have some claims on what is known as Skucom gulch. No 6 for which we have been offered $10,000 but we will not sell as we hope to do better in the spring."

"Well, I suppose you people there think we are starving, but we are not though things looked pretty squally here when we first arrived. The grub scare is all over now as everybody seems to have enough to eat.

"Flour has gone down to $50 per sack and meat to $1.50 per pound. Coal oil is still $50 per gallon, alcohol $40 and salt $1 per pound."

"An ax to cut wood is worth $7, a broom $3. I bought two boxes of sardines yesterday and they cost me $3 Twenty bars of washing soap cost $10. When I got here there were no restaurants running, but now there are five. Clothes do not seem to be high in accordance to other things. Wood is $45 per cord and I have to pay $15 to cut it up. I have been using two cords per month. There are about twenty horses in the town, but most everyone has a fine dog team. I took a fine dog team ride last Christmas day, and at 6 I gave a dinner to Mrs. Butts and two of the men members of my association.

Enclosed I send you some nuggets for a breast pin for Mrs. Cayton, who will be the first colored lady there to wear a Klondike nugget taken out by a colored woman. The next time I write I will send her a fine pair of bracelets made out of nuggets."

The pluck and courage of this woman should be an inspiration to every member of our race, to launch out into the new and undeveloped fields which lie much nearer to us than even the Klondike country.

What we need is some Negro to plead for the emigration of our people from the south, into the northwest, and the far west, with as much intense earnestness as Bishop Turner pleads for African emigration. There are thousands of Negroes eking out a miserable existence in the crowded cities of the north, who could become independent, and create a future of material stability for their children, and for their race if they would go to the rich farming country of the west, whose sleeping harvests invite them, and to the mines and forests which await the touch of toil to lift them from penury, to competence.

There is room in Michigan for forty thousand of our race to become independent; Iowa has less than twenty thousand Negroes in it, there ought to be a hundred thousand there; they could, if they would, go there and with little capital become independent.

Colorado, Nebraska, the Dakotas, and the far west have there a vast domain that could be entered by our people, and turned into thousands of independent homes, and self-supporting farms, with the beer and whisky money that is squandered by the thousands of our people in the denser centers of population.

Mrs. Mason, of Dawson City, has done more to mark her as a leader of the race, and to set an inspiring example for our imitation, than all the Negro politicians put together.

May this woman clothed with the mid-night sun of the polar region, point us to the vast fields of opportunity that are so easily available to the race, as the needle points to the pole.

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MRS. THOMAS CARLYLE.

One Occasion When the Clever Woman Was Surprised and Confounded.

The brightest time for Mrs. Carlyle's talk was during dinner. Day after day she poured forth witty stories, most of which I have almost forgotten, but in any case it would be desecration to attempt to repeat almost any of them. The characteristics of living men and women were often dashed off in a few pithy words, not without satirical touches. George Henry Lewes was not one of her favorites, but I noted with pleasure the way in which she spoke of the wonderful transformation effected by the influence on him of George Eliot.

One of her experiences was when visiting a shoemaker's shop to make a purchase, at the time when sandaled shoes were worn, like those represented in the original illustrations of Dickens. The sandals were of black ribbon, uncut until the shoes were worn by the purchaser at home. Mrs. Carlyle tried on many shoes, and each time that a shoe proved unsuitable she unconsciously slung it on to her left arm. Being at last suited, and having paid her bill, she left the shop, and had walked a little way when she heard a shout behind her Looking back she saw the shopman running after her, much excited and insisting on her returning the stolen shoes. Looking down, she saw to her surprise a number of shoes dangling from her arm. The man indignantly asked her name and address. Her astonishment was such that her name was obliterated for a time from her memory and all she could recollect was her maiden name, "Miss Welsh." The humor in this tale was enhanced to those who knew her from its being so much out of keeping with her usual shrewdness and self possession that no one could have predicted it of her.

Her death scene, a year later, when "Mr. Silvester," as she named her coachman, during a drive, turned and looked into the carriage—surprised at receiving no orders as to route—and saw her sitting, lifeless, with a pet dog on her knee, has often risen to my thoughts.

My strongest impression was of the deep mutual love evidently subsisting between Mrs. Carlyle and her husband. Every subject we discussed seemed to recall thoughts of him. If the piano were opened, his song of the "blue day" was referred to or asked for; if any literary man were mentioned, his opinion of him was given, or a story was told showing his relation to other men of note. I felt as if listening to the love talk of a youthful engaged couple, and when, in later days, Froude opened up a floodgate of misunderstanding I felt assured there was a radical misconception of the true state of affairs.—New York Independent.

USE NO LATHER.

Chinese Shave Frequently With a Wet Towel to Soften the Face.

Considering that the inhabitants of the middle kingdom use the razor more than any other nation in the world, it is passing strange that they never discovered the advantages of lathering first, says the Windsor Magazine. Dabbing a warm wet cloth on the chin or the scalp is a poor substitute for soap. Hair cutting, as we practice it in the west, is to them "all unknown," except in a few localities where foreigners are numerous. A traveler when in the province of Kwantung sent for a man to shear his locks, and he began nibbling away at his scalp without troubling about such a trifling as a comb. At the third snip the man stopped him and asked him if he had ever cut a foreigner's hair before. Oh, yes. When was that? Oh, last year, when he cut the hair of a German customs officer who had died.

But in the matter of shaving there are few more deft—considering the latherless way he does it and the fact that he uses a little three cornered soft iron knife as a razor—than the Chinese figaro. Was not the chief of all his tribe ennobled by an emperor ages back for dexterously cleaving a mosquito that had settled on the imperial nose? One advantage gained by patronizing the Chinese barber—in the case of Europeans—is he doesn't mind coming to your room every morning and shaving you before you wash and dress. But the native also generally waits to be rasee before washing, even if he has to wait a week.

Newspaper duty was invented by Queen Anne. It was originally a penny on each sheet, afterward raised to fourpence, and abolished in 1855.

CASES OF BAD LUCK.

TRIFLING HITCHES WHICH HAVE COST A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY.

Little Accidents, Generally Unavoidable, That Sometimes Prove Deciding Factors In Transactions of Considerable Importance.

A good many of the important events of this life are governed by little things. Many fortunes have resulted from trifles. On the other hand, thousands have been lost.

Not many days ago a furniture van broke down on one of the lines of an important tramway system. Within five minutes 35 trams were drawn up, waiting till the line was cleared. Lifting jacks were procured, and in three-quarters of an hour the obstruction was removed, yet that slight delay cost the tramway company over £70. It had disorganized the whole system. The trams failed to put in an appearance at the usual stopping places at the appointed times, and throughout the length of the lines waiting passengers traveled to their destinations by other conveyances.

There is perhaps no such costly trifle as an engineering hitch. Not long since a well known firm delivered a torpedo destroyer to the naval authorities. She was in every respect a perfect boat, the result of masterly designing and splendid workmanship, yet at the very outset of her steam trials she met with a mishap which necessitated her return to the contractors for repair. This hitch cost the firm £600 and was found to have been brought about by a careless workman thoughtlessly omitting to screw a steam cock tightly and fit it with a washer.

Another curious instance resulted in a clear loss of £250,000 to the unhappy victim. He was the holder of a large quantity of South African stock, bought at a low price during a slump. On suddenly receiving the tip that it was likely to boom immediately, he settled a limit at which to sell, and when the price had reached this figure wired his broker to sell out immediately. He left his office with jaunty step. He had netted a fortune in one coup. A few hours later the stock fell just as suddenly as it had risen, and to a figure considerably below that he had originally paid for it. Judge, then, of his dismay when his stockbrokers' clerk drove to his house and asked for a confirmation of a telegram they had just had, which appeared to have been delayed in transmission. It was his message authorizing them to sell, and as the stock was at such a low figure they were anxious to consult him before moving in the matter. The unfortunate investor was dumfounded at the lost opportunity, which on inquiry proved to have resulted from an accident to the telegraph boy. He had been knocked down and stunned by a cab and conveyed to a hospital. His message had been sent out again as soon as possible, but the delay, slight as it was, had lost one man a huge fortune.

The man who suffers mostly by trifling hitches is the inventor. Innumerable fortunes have been lost by five minute delays in getting out protections during which times others have stepped in with similar ideas and annexed the reward of their promptness. A curious and somewhat pathetic instance in connection with an invention happened to an engineer who had spent some years in perfecting a hydraulic railway brake. The idea was in every way perfect, and in conjunction with his son he had constructed models and partially drawn up patent specifications. To the latter, however, he had not confided a certain small mechanical detail—the very one which had cost him so much labor to work out successfully—his idea being that his son should endeavor to overcome the difficulty himself till the patent was entered, when he was to learn the secret of the mechanism.

The very day before the specifications were completed the father dropped dead of heart disease through excitement, and when, later, his son came to examine the drawings he found the detail he wished to know had not been included. In spite of endless labor and consultation with brother engineers the difficulty, trifling as it seemed, was never overcome, and by this little hitch in the apparatus it is estimated that he lost very nearly £750,000.

Some years ago a popular favorite lost the Derby, to the great surprise of its owner and all who had followed its previous doings. It was a neck and neck race till within 50 yards of the post, when the favorite shot out and looked like romping home. Suddenly it checked its pace for the fraction of a moment and was beaten. Very few knew the cause, curious though it was. A puff of wind caught the jockey's cap and instinctively he raised his hand to catch it. In doing so he struck his eye with the end of his whip and jerked backward. The action threw the horse out of its stride, and, although the whole incident was momentary, it resulted in a lost Derby and thousands of pounds besides.

A screw loose in an engine may result in great loss to a railway or steamship company. Should a lawyer neglect a little of evidence in an otherwise carefully elaborated case, it may go against him. In fact, half the bad luck in life is directly attributable to the effects of hitches, trifling though they may appear.—Pearson's Weekly.

Quite Too Much.

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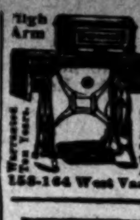

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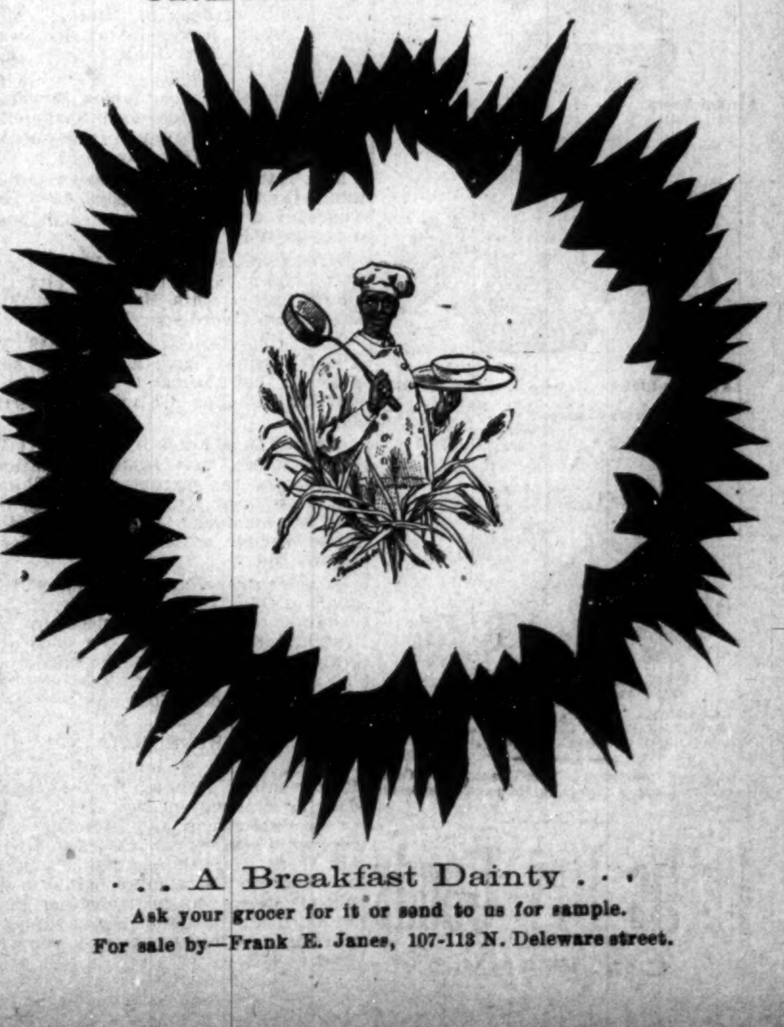

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Easter Big Four at the Second Baptist church Monday evening, April 11.

Simpson Chapel, under the pastorate of Rev. Sissell is preparing to build a new church.

Mr. Robt. Williams, of 222 N. Meridian St., who has been indisposed, is convalescing.

Mr. Edward Perkins has resumed his duties at the Denison tonsorial parlors after an attack of acute rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Milligan, of Mill street, are happy recipients of a "bran new baby girl." Mother and child doing well.

The Progressive Literary Society, at their meeting last Thursday evening, held memorial services in honor of B. K. Bruce.

Mr. Geo. W. Cable, former postal clerk between Indianapolis and Louisville, is now an attache of the local postoffice.

The Fourth Annual Musical Festival will be given June 22nd and 23rd, at Allen Chapel church. 100 voices. Singers from abroad.

Just the thing you ought to hear—a talk of physical culture at the Easter Big Four.

Messrs. Grant Robinson and William Reed, two energetic and enterprising young men, will open an ice-cream parlor shortly in OddFellow's Hall building.

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Rev. J. W. Carr baptized a number of converts in the canal last Sunday. Quite a large crowd assembled on the banks of the canal to witness the ceremonies.

James Moore, a well known young man, died Tuesday at the home of his parents, 416 Muskingum Street, of typhoid pneumonia. His funeral occurred from St. Paul's church at 2 o'clock last Thursday.

Mr. H. L. Sanders, the well-known haberdasher, is now giving employment to two ladies of the race, and expects to increase his force soon in his new store, 206 Indiana avenue. Call and see him. He will treat you right.

The concert given at Shiloh Baptist church last Monday evening, by the Colored America Concert Co., was a decided success. The program was spicy, entertaining and interesting and much credit is due the manager, Mr. M. F. White.

William Kinney, formerly a member of the fire department, was arrested last Monday for assaulting Georgia Roberts at 1423 E. Seventeenth street. She is the same woman he assaulted about a month ago, and threw into the canal.

Cora Summers and Claude and Laura Dean were arrested last Monday for assault and battery on each other. A dressy young colored man called at the police station later in the day and put up the necessary bail for Miss Summers' release, upon the ground that she was his bride-elect.

Hear the great harpist, Sig. Ginseppe Marone, the Italian harpist from Chicago, Ill., at the Easter Big Four.

A special Easter program will be given at the 9th., Presbyterian church to-morrow at 11 a. m., the Pastor Rev. W. O. White, will deliver a special sermon. At 2:30 p. m. Mr. Geo. W. Cable will address the Sunday-school. A song service will be given in the evening by some of the best musical talent in the city. All are invited to attend these services.

Our readers are especially invited to visit the New Shoe Store at (new) 217 Indiana avenue, where they can find a full line of the latest styles and colors of ladies', gents', misses' and children's shoes at rock bottom prices. Mr. S. E. Hedrick, the proprietor, is a genial gentleman, and he guarantees "honest goods at lowest prices." He earnestly solicits your patronage. See his advertisement on the local page.

A large congregation gathered last Sunday evening at Bethel church to hear Rev. D. A. Graham's first sermon on "Why Christians Keep Sunday." The audience manifested intense interest throughout the discussion. The second sermon will be delivered a week from to-morrow night. To-morrow morning the pastor will preach upon "The New Era." The music which has been specially prepared for Easter will be rendered by the juvenile choir, assisted by the adult choir. In the evening the adult choir will give a sacred concert.

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Mr. Z. N. Young is in Columbus, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. James Collins, of Anderson, spent Sunday in the city.

Rev. S. J. Turner, of Dayton, O., visited the Freeman sanctum last Tuesday.

For the first time see the battleship Maine Avengers at the Easter Big Four.

Mrs. James Shelton returns to-morrow from a lengthy visit to her parents in Franklin, Ind.

Mrs. Sarah Corborn, of N. California street, has been called to the bedside of her mother in Paris, Ky.

Miss Nellie B. Knox is visiting friends in St. Louis, after which she will visit Kentucky, the guest of relatives.

Mr. W. Norman Curry has resumed his run from here to Evansville, after a weeks' vacation, due to high waters.

Mr. Geo. Goins, foreman of the Grand tonsorial parlors, left Thrsday for an extended trip through Mexico and California.

The 90th birthday of "Mother" McGruder, which occurred April 1st., was celebrated by Rev. John Broyles and a number of friends.

Rev. E. A. White, James Bowman and Dr. Tate, of Ohio, were in the city this week, en route home from the M. E. conference at Terre Haute.

Mrs. Kathryn Crossen Harper entertained the Idle Hour Pleasure Club last Thursday evening, at her elegant residence in West Pratt street.

Mrs. Duretta Dickson Jackson, of Bloomington, Ind., is in the city the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dickson of Alvord street.

Mrs. Chas. Cheatham, of 549 W. Twelfth street, gave a birthday surprise to her husband last Tuesday evening, in honor of his thirtieth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brown, of 311 W. North street, have issued invitations announcing the marriage next Thursday evening of Mr. John Starling, the well-known tonsorial artist, to Miss Mary Wagner, a society belle of Terre Haute, Ind.

A masquerade entertainment will be given at Odd Fellow's Hall next Friday evening, under the auspices of the Knights of Tabor lodges. A good program will be rendered. The music will be furnished by Prof. Easley's "All American Concert Company.

EASTER BALL.

Prof. J. A. Sterrett wil give his Easter ball on Monday, April 11, at the dancing academy on New York-st., between Capitol-ave. and Illinois-st. All reputable persons are invited to attend. Mr. H. St. Clair the champion whistler of America, will give an exhibition of his whistling for the benefit of those who attend. It will be a great treat to hear him. Refreshments will be served free to all.

Wedding Anniversary.

Rev. A. L. Murray and wife celebrated the twelfth anniversary of their marriage, at their residence, in E. Pratt St., Wednesday, March 30, which was a grand affair in every way.

Their home was nothing less than a varegated garden. The Rev. and wife many friends who took their hands, stood between two palms to greet their wishing them a happy and prosperous future.

Rev. M. Lewis, P. E. delivered a fitting address to them at 9 P. M. His remarks at the occasion were golden. Miss Lillie Warfield performed at the organ, delighting all with her sweet music. Rev.M. V. Saunders, of Knightstown responded to the bell. Mrs. Laura Wise, Mrs. Nannie Wright, Mrs. Florence Smith and Miss Rose Miller received, (each looked like a queen) and from the ease, grace and courteous manner in which they waited upon, and introduced each, they would have done honor to President McKinley and dife.

The willing Cateresses, Mary Tootle, Hattie Stafford, Zeline Posey and Rebecca Sanders were faithful at their post. Never did caterers exhibit better taste in preparing for guest. then they. Hundreds were waitd upon without mistake. Below read the myriads of presents presented:

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Letters of regret of inability to be present were received from Bishop B. W. Arnett and wife; Dr. John G. Mitchell, Wilberforce, O., Rev. W. H. Taylor and wife, Bloomington, Ind., Rev. B. J. Coleman and wife, Vincennes, Ind., Rev. F. P. Baker and wife, Jeffersonville, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Brunswick, Mr. and Mrs. Z. White, Vincennes, Ind., and many others that we have not

Rev. Murray and wife wish to tender their heartfelt thanks to their many friends for kind rememberances.

Allen Chapel Notes.

Mrs. Hattie Dean, Miss Lucy Twinees and Miss Fannie Hardrick are on the sick list.

Rev. Murray spent last Monday in Marion.

The Senior Christian Endeavor was led last Monday by Miss Ella Taylor, president of the Juniors.

The graduating exercises of the Normal Class will take place the 17th of this month. Prof. Scarborough will deliver the address.

Mr. Milton Benson worshipped with us last Sunday.

Mother Raymond is able to be out after a few days' illness.

Easter program:—10:45 a. m. Doxology or prelude; announcing hymn and Scripture lesson; prayer; song by the choir; responsive reading; song by the choir, decalogue, notices, song by the choir, short sermon, song and reception of members, collection, address, Attorney G. Brewer, solo by pastor; closing ode and benediction; service under the auspices of the choir. Chas. Green, director.

2:30 p. m. The beautiful missionary program prepared by Dr. H. B. Parker, missionary secretary, will be rendered under the auspices of the Sunday-school. Sallie Dudley, director; William Thomson, supt.

7:45 p. m. The beautiful sacred cantata entitled "Mary of Bethany," will be rendered by the chorus of forty voices.

Program.

1. Instrumental solo; 2. "Our Little Home in Bethany;" solo and chorus, Rebecca Allen, soloist; reading St. Luke 10:38-42; Recitations, Lazarus, Martha and Mary; 3. "He Will Abide with Us," trio, Mattie Mitchell, Fannie Mitchell and Chas. Samuels; reading John 11:14-19; recitations, Martha and Mary; reading John 11:20, 21, 25-28; 4. "The Master Is Come," alto solo and chorus, Fannie Mitchell, soloist; reading John 11:32-36; 41- 45; 5. "Praise the Great Mesiah" chorus; reception of members and collection; solo Mrs. Ida M. Davis; 6. "Told for a Memorial," mezzo solo and chorus, Dora Alph, soloist; recitation, Mattie Mitchell; 7. "Give It Now," tenor solo and quartette, Chas. Samuels, Nannie Burbridge, Fannie Mitchell, and Harry Williams; recitation, Mattie Mitchell; solo, Bessie Wilson; 8. "She Hath Done What She Could," solo, Mattie Mitchell; reading St. Luke 22:1-4; recitations, Lazarus, Mary and Martha; 9. "Others He Saved," duet, Ella Taylor and Fannie Mitchell; reading, St. Mathew 28; 10. "He Hath Arisen," full chorus; recitations, Martha, Lazarus and Mary; solo by Miss May Jackson; 11. "Glory Be To Jesus," closing chorus; benediction.

Resolutions by the W. M. M. Society of Allen Chapel:

The rich and the poor, the high, the low are alike subjected to the hand of the conqueror.

In every walk of life the grim master death has been known to enter.

Where as in the All Wise Providence God has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved sister Martha E. Turner, the loving and affectionate wife of the senior bishop, H. M. Turner, D. D., L. L. D., of the A. M. E. church.

Whereas she was an ardent worker in the cause of Christ; always on the side of the unfortunate, a devoted Christian, one in whom all did confide in, and to know her was to love her, to be in her company was to be in the presence of a saintly woman.

She was called by all Mother Turner, and indeed she was a mother in Israel.

And, Whereas she being an active member of the W. M. M. S. and W. F. and H. M. S. that gave to her a natural acquaintance- coupled with her well-earned reputation, put her in the front ranks of the renowned women of the world.

Be it resolved that we, the officers and members of the W. M. M. Society of Allen Chapel, Indianapolis, extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bishop Turner, family and relatives.

Resolved, That we endeavor to inculcate these rich principles that go to make up such a beautiful life.

Let us reconsecrate ourselves to the service of God, and start with greater zeal in the missionary cause.

Be it further resolved that a statement of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family spread upon the minutes of the society, given to the Voice of Missions, and The Freeman.

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Anderson, Ind., Special.—Rev. W. T. Collins, of Franklin, changed pulpits with Rev. Allen last Sunday. * * Quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church on Easter Sunday. Presiding Elder C. C. Townsend will be present. * * Rev. E. R. Lewis held services in the new Second Methodist church last Sunday. He left for conference Monday. * * Rev. Ben Jones will preach his farewell sermon on the second Sunday in April at the Second Baptist church. * * The Progressive Literary society meet at the A. M. E. church Friday evening. An interesting program has been arranged for next week. * * The colored voters of this city have organized a club known as the colored voters' club of Anderson. They meet next Thursday night. * * Rev. W. G Collins, of Franklin, spent Sunday with his cousin, James Collins.

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